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**SARRAUT CABINET PASSES FIRST TEST IN FRENCH CHAMBER**

**MINISTERS' COUNCIL**  
**NEW RULES FOR ITALIANS**  
**OFFICIAL BOOK TO BE CARRIED**  
**PARTICULARS REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE**

Rome, To-day.  
A number of important military and economic decisions were made in a Ministerial Council held yesterday, the most important of them being the introduction of a book to be carried by every citizen in which official entries will be regularly made, regarding health, profession and military training. This book will be indispensable for all desiring employment.

**MORE TROOPS SAIL FOR EAST AFRICA**

Naples, to-day.—Over 5,000 troops, including regular infantry and Black Shirts, have sailed for East Africa—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Further measures concern alterations in the organisation of the Army, the division of Italy into eight instead of five military districts, and the establishment of a new Fifth Alpine Division.

Commenting on the East-African campaign, Signor Mussolini referred to the further transport of 50,000 labourers now in progress, pointing out that they would maintain communications for reinforcements and supplies, and keep them in good condition even in the summer months if heavy rain falls. He recalled that last summer 10,000 Italian soldiers had lived and worked in East Africa without suffering any ill effects worth mentioning. Trans-Ocean Service.

**BRITAIN AND EGYPT**

Nahas Pasha Heads Delegation

**CRISIS CONCLUDED**

Cairo, To-day.  
The King has appointed a delegation under the presidency of Nahas Pasha, leader of the Wafd Party, to negotiate with Great Britain. The delegation represents all the parties. It is understood that the election fixed for March 10 has now been postponed to May 2.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

**CRISIS ENDED**

Cairo: The Government crisis which had arisen through the Wafd Party's refusal to join a Coalition Cabinet, and which was chiefly responsible for the growing unrest in the country, appears to be nearing its end. It is reported that Ali Pasha Maher, the King's chief Secretary, has succeeded in assembling a non-party Cabinet, and that the Wafdist leader, Nahas Pasha, has consented to head a special commission which is to open negotiations for a new treaty with England.  
The regrettable incident which, as previously reported, occurred at Damietta, where the British flag was torn down from the administrative building of the Delta Railway by Nationalist demonstrators.—(Continued on Page 11)



Head of the new autonomous Hopei province in China is Yin Ju-keng, above, long known as a friend of Japan.

**LINDBERGH CASE**

Governor Hoffman's Opinion

**INVESTIGATION VIRTUALLY RE-OPENED**

Trenton, N.J., To-day.—The investigation into the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby has now virtually been re-opened by a sensational letter addressed to Colonel Schwartzkopf, head of the New Jersey police, by Governor Hoffman, who reiterates his opinion that the crime was not committed by one man. He adds that there is ample evidence in the records that the chief witnesses and those engaged in the prosecution shared his belief.  
Mr. Hoffman as Governor directs Colonel Schwartzkopf to use every resource at his command to continue a thorough and impartial search for the detection and apprehension of every person connected with the crime.—Reuter.

**CIVIL FLYING IN BRITAIN**

Exhibition Opened In London

**"BLIND LANDINGS" AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS**

London, To-day.  
Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, opened in London yesterday an exhibition of aerodrome equipment and services in connection with the Conference of the Aerodrome Owners' Association, at which delegates from more than 70 organisations—municipal authorities, commercial aerodrome owners and air transport companies—are discussing problems of air transport and aerodrome maintenance. Great interest attaches to the paper in which the director of the Heston airport will describe the system of wireless control which has been installed at Heston to facilitate "blind landings".—(Continued on Page 10)

**VETERANS' BONUS IN AMERICA**

New Taxes May Be Necessary

Washington, To-day.  
Mr. Henry A. Morgenthau, Secretary to the Treasury, at a press conference yesterday hinted that the administration may ask for new taxes to pay the veterans' bonus.—Reuter.

**NEW CHINA CURRENCY**

**PESSIMISM IN JAPAN**

Confidence Expressed In America

**FURTHER LARGE DEAL IN SILVER?**

Washington, To-day.  
In the face of the Japanese prediction that China's currency would blow up by the spring, high American fiscal authorities asserted that they believed in the strength of the Chinese currency, and they characterised as remarkable the quick success of the new currency set up. The United States aided China's monetary reforms by trading gold credits for silver.  
Reports persist that another large silver purchase from China is being negotiated by the Treasury. Officials refused either to confirm or deny this rumour yesterday.—Reuter.

**GENERAL CHEN'S RETURN**

Former Alliance Severed

**REED FOR POLITICAL POWER**

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.  
In an effort to regain political power, General Chen Ming-shun, former Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, has severed his connection with the Social Democratic Party, of which he was a patron and not a member.

General Chen started the People's Revolutionary Government in Fochow on November 20, 1934, but it became a failure owing to the mis-directed agitations of the Social Democrats, Third Party members (Radicals), and the Nationalists. The Social Democrats, headed by Messrs. Hu Chin-yuan and Wang Li-shih, believed in carrying on the revolution by writings and speeches, thereby enabling General Chang Kai-shek to smash the rebel Government with one masterly military stroke.

Messrs. Hu and Wang, who are believed to be in England now in exile, received their political inspirations from the Social Democrats in Britain, France and Germany.

General Chen financed the Social Democrats but was never initiated as a member, hence he is in a position to make a graceful retreat. Under the present Kuomintang Government, the existence of other political parties is considered illegal.

**NEW FARM PLAN IN U.S.A.**

Tax Programme Being Examined

Washington, To-day.  
The Attorney-General, Mr. Homer S. Cummings, stated that a tax programme to provide for a new farm plan will be submitted to Congress within a week. The yearly cost of the new plan is estimated at \$440,000,000.

Mr. Cummings, at a press conference, said that the question of re-enacting the invalidated income tax was being studied.—Reuter.



President Lazaro Cardenas of Mexico (arrow), with a party of friends on the balcony overlooking the seething mass of anti-Calles demonstrators, hears his administration cheered in Mexico City. The return of ex-President Calles last month had all Mexico in turmoil as his supporters sought to return him to power.

**LEGAL MATTERS IN ENGLAND**

Royal Commission Reports

**DRASTIC RECOMMENDATIONS TABLED**

London, To-day.

The report of the Royal Commission on the matter has been issued, and suggests that in future appointments to the King's Bench Division should be subject to a fixed retiring age of 72. On the despatch of business at common law, apart from suggesting an age limit for judges, the Royal Commission makes drastic recommendations for accelerating legal procedure.

The report strongly criticises the present organisation of business in the King's Bench division and recommends that a well-paid and responsible manager be appointed to organise the King's Bench business. This and the other recommendations are likely to cause an acute division of opinion in the legal profession. The report suggests that the rules should be amended and admit the use of affidavits in the furtherance of documents abroad.

The Commission, which was appointed by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in 1934 and presided over by Lord Peel, included the Master of the Rolls and other prominent lawyers.—Reuter.

**VISITORS AT PALACE**

Foreign Statesmen Received

AUDIENCES CONTINUED

London, To-day.  
King Edward received a number of distinguished visitors yesterday at Buckingham Palace, among whom were the Foreign Ministers of Austria and Hungary and Mr. Norman Davis.

London: King Carol of Romania left England last evening on board H.M.S. Montrose, escorted by a destroyer. The other members of the foreign missions to the funeral of King George, who left London yesterday, included the Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese and Argentine representatives.—British Wireless Service.

**BENGAL COAL MINE EXPLOSION**

6 Killed And 28 Trapped Underground

Calcutta, To-day.

An explosion in a coal mine occurred yesterday in Bengal, in which one European and five Indians were killed and the bodies recovered. Four Europeans and 28 Indians were removed to hospital, while 20 Indians are believed to have been trapped underground.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

**COMMUNISTS IN KWEICHOW**

KWEIYANG BEING STORMED

DEFENDERS ORDERED NOT TO RETREAT

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Changing their military strategy, the Communists in Kweichow are storming Kweiyang from the right flank in the north instead of making a frontal attack. The defenders of the town have been ordered not to retreat.

The Reds want to capture the provincial capital in order to show to the world their rising power, looting not being their object. During the capture of other towns on the way, the desperadoes obtained plenty of foodstuffs and other supplies.

While official Nanking reports state that reinforcements are rushing to Kweiyang, the number that actually reached there is about five battalions. The total garrison is now 10 battalions of about 6,000 officers and men, against 20,000 Reds, who, though not heavily equipped, have considerable perseverance and knowledge of guerrilla warfare.

The next 24 hours will decide the fate of Kweiyang. Nanking bombers hold up the Communist advance in the daytime, and the enemy are obliged to fight under cover of the night.

**DEATH OF DOWAGER DUCHESSE OF SOMERSET**

London, To-day.—The death has occurred of Dowager Duchess of Somerset, mother of the present Duke.—Reuter.

**BUT WILL RELY ON SOCIALISTS**

**PEACE DECLARATION BY PREMIER**

**INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION**

Paris, To-day.

In an atmosphere tense with expectation, but with good prospects of receiving a safe majority, the Sarraut Cabinet faced the Chamber for the first time yesterday. The House listened quietly to the Ministerial declaration read by the Premier, which was received favourably by the Left and the Left Centre, with occasional cheers.

The declaration began with the statement that the Government would refrain from giving an extensive programme, as Parliament was reaching the end of its activities, it being obviously the task of the Government to organise and guarantee the freedom and secrecy of the forthcoming elections.

Nevertheless the Government was determined to deal firmly with all current problems, especially those linked up with the economic crisis. It would therefore endeavour to defend the franc and maintain the security of French credit.

Regarding foreign policy the declaration stressed that France wants peace as well as security, and that the Government will attempt to achieve both these aims by the efficiency of the national defence and by international co-operation.

M. Sarraut added that the Government would strive to preserve the advantages of "our friendships and pacts of mutual assistance," no matter whether they concerned Belgium, the Little Entente, Italy, Poland, the Soviet Union or England, since France's friendly relations with all these countries formed the most essential feature of the guarantee for European peace.

No less than 68 Deputies have so far signified their intention to take part in the debate. The Cabinet's fate depends largely on the attitude of the Socialists, who are, however, expected to support the Government, especially since the Communists yesterday decided to abstain from voting.—Trans-Ocean Service.

**SKIRMISH ON FRONTIER**

Another Incident Reported

**SOVIET CLASH WITH JAPANESE**

Moscow, To-day.

Fighting, some of which was hand to hand, between Soviet frontier patrols and detachments of Japanese and Manchurians, is reported from Khabarovsk. A Soviet report states that a Soviet patrol discovered four Japanese and Manchurians two miles within Soviet territory in the region of Grodekovo, in civilian clothes who during an attempt to seize them, began firing. Simultaneously, 30 more invaders appeared and opened fire.

The Soviet patrol, reinforced by 25 men, began to drive back the invaders towards the frontier. Further detachments of Japanese and Manchurians joined in the fray, bringing the total to above one company. As a result of the fighting, the Japanese and Manchurian forces were forced to retreat to Manchukuo territory.

The Soviet authorities are protesting to the Japanese Ambassador against the invasion.—Reuter.

**RED REGIME IN S. HOPEI?**

Unconfirmed Chinese Reports

Tientsin, To-day.

Japanese military reports state that bandits under the command of Liu Kwei-tang are stationed in the vicinity of Shiehchiaochang, the junction of the Peiping, Hankow, and Shansi railways, but so far they have not interfered with the line.

Confirmation is so far unobtainable of the reports from Chinese sources of the establishment of a Red regime in South Hopei.—Reuter.

**MORE DEMANDS ALLEGED**

Peiping: The highest officials at present in Peiping, interviewed by Reuter concerning the Chinese report from Tientsin that demands aiming at the complete independence of North China had been presented by the Japanese military leaders to General Sung Chieh-yuan, stated that they had heard nothing concerning any such demands and expressed doubt that they had been made.

It is noteworthy that some things contained in these "new" demands are already accomplished facts; for example, the railway and salt revenue has already been taken over by Hopei Council and it is quite possible that an arrangement will be made to take over the Customs revenue, the Council remitting some to Nanking.—Reuter.

**CAPTIVES OF REDS**

Italian Priests Still Detained

Hankow, To-day.

Reports from the Catholic Mission at Tientsin, Szechuen, state that Father Pegarare and Brother Natal, Italian Franciscans who were captured by Communists on May 29, 1935, at Mashiuen, are still alive, although they remain in the hands of their captors, who are at present near Yochow. The Reds are using the two prisoners for the care of the sick and wounded.—Reuter.



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## BROADCASTING RECEIVING LICENCES, 1936

All Existing Licences expire on 31st December, 1935.

New Licences for 1936 will be available at the Government Radio Office, P. & O. Building, as from 1st January, 1936 and will be issued from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. against the receipt of a remittance of \$10.

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(a) personally.  
(b) by messenger.  
(c) by post.

It is essential under (c) and preferable under (a) and (b) that applications should be accompanied by crossed cheques payable to Hong Kong Government. The new licence will then be sent by post or messenger as soon as it is ready. Where actual cash is tendered a new licence should be received in exchange before leaving the Licensing Office.

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## INWARD MAILS.

## FROM EUROPE

Antenor ..... Feb. 1  
Suwa Maru (Air Mail ex-Imperial Service) ..... 1  
Rawalpindi (via Suva) ..... 6

## FROM SHANGHAI

Pres. Van Buren ..... Jan. 31  
Soudan ..... 31  
Kashima Maru ..... 31

Emp. of Russia ..... Feb. 1  
Kuichow ..... 1  
Pres. Taft ..... 3  
Calchas ..... 4  
Chitral ..... 7  
Pres. McKinley ..... 7  
Tyndarous ..... 7

## FROM STRAITS &amp; INDIA

Suwa Maru ..... Jan. 1  
Antenor ..... 1  
Tilawa ..... 1  
Teceer ..... 1

## FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Van Buren ..... Jan. 31  
Emp. of Russia ..... Feb. 1  
Pres. Taft ..... 3  
Pres. McKinley ..... 7

## FROM JAPAN

Kashima Maru ..... Jan. 31  
Pres. Van Buren ..... 31

Emp. of Russia ..... Feb. 1  
Manila Maru ..... 1  
Pres. Taft ..... 3  
Chitral ..... 7  
Pres. McKinley ..... 7

## FROM AUSTRALIA

Tanda ..... Feb. 5

## FROM MANILA

Emp. of Russia ..... Feb. 2  
Tisaraea ..... 2  
Gneisenau ..... 5  
Tanda ..... 5

## OUTWARD MAILS.

## FOR EUROPE

Kashima Maru (via Mar-  
seilles) ..... Jan. 31  
Pres. Jackson (via Siberia) ..... Feb. 1

Soudan (Imperial Service) ..... 1  
Closes: Reg. 3.30 p.m. Ord. 4 p.m.

Suwa Maru (via Siberia) ..... 1  
Manila Maru (Singapore-  
Australian Service) ..... 2  
Chichibu Maru (via San  
Francisco) ..... 4  
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 8.30 a.m.

## FOR AUSTRALIA

Nellore ..... Jan. 1

## FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Manila Maru ..... Feb. 3  
Heijo Maru ..... 3  
Van Heutz ..... 6

## FOR JAPAN

Pres. Jackson ..... Jan. 31  
Suwa Maru ..... Feb. 1  
Chichibu Maru ..... 4  
Rawalpindi ..... 7

## Women's Page

## BEAUTY SECRETS OF THE STARS

## Personal Hints From Hollywood Ladies

## LOTION SPRAYER INSTEAD OF EYE-CUP

Be sure to wipe all traces of soap from the nails before applying polish, says Miss Barbara Stanwyck. Unless the nail is dry and clean, the polish will soon crack.

Tiny brushes, designed especially for applying colour to the lips, are appearing on the market. Miss Anne Shirley prefers these brushes for she has learned that with them the colour can be applied more evenly.

Because lamplight is apt to be yellow, Miss Lily Pons uses a lip rouge with a faint blue cast or evening occasions. The result is a make-up which appears natural instead of yellow.

Miss Katharine Hepburn uses a tiny comb to "comb" her eyelashes following the application of mascara. This separates the lashes and makes them appear heavier and naturally dark.

Any natural tendency the hair may have to curl is encouraged if it is brushed regularly with an upward and outward stroke, according to Miss Carol Stone.

Miss Heather Angel prefers applying eye lotions with a tiny spray especially designed for the purpose. She finds these sprays more convenient than droppers or eye cups.

A cream or liquid powder base is essential when one is travelling, says Miss Margot Grahame.

Make-up not only remains fresh longer when applied over such a foundation, but the base protects the skin from dust and grime.

For every Miss Phyllis Brooks who is very blonde, is wearing brown eye shadow and dark brown mascara. The effect is to deepen and darken her eyes.

## FOR U.S.A.

Pres. Jackson ..... Jan. 31  
Heijo Maru ..... Feb. 3  
Chichibu Maru ..... 4

## FOR SHANGHAI

Pres. Jackson ..... Jan. 31  
Suwa Maru ..... Feb. 1  
Chichibu Maru ..... 1  
Rawalpindi ..... 4

## FOR MANILA

Pres. Van Buren ..... Jan. 31  
Nellore ..... Feb. 1  
Emp. of Russia ..... 2  
Pres. Taft ..... 3

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This dinner frock of royal blue crepe is simply styled with a high front and low back neckline and sports a dashing bolero jacket of shimmering silver cloth. The lovely model is Ann Dvorak, the screen actress.

## PARISIAN HATS Gaiety The Note Of Present Season

The Englishwoman who wanted on *chapeau tres tranquille* parce que je suis femme. *Un pretre* would have been hard put to it his season to find anything which was not noticeably witty or at least gay. Considering the gloom in Paris, this is perhaps not surprising, since French gaiety is a real thing, despite the carling care to which it is subjected at moments. When it is oppressed in one direction, it "outs" in another, and it is difficult to remember that once upon a time even the French wore than universal extinguisher which still haunts the British head. Hats should of course be a cover for the head. Some of them are. Others are merely a protest against head-hanging, while still more suggest an airy flight of fancy that has long left the head behind.

## VICTORIAN COCKTAIL BAR

Finding it impossible to get a more modern cocktail bar in her new houses than already exists elsewhere on London hostess has gone to the other extreme.

On the wall she has a flatted oil painting in vivid colours of an old time "gay party," tempo about 1870. Victorian relics are being collected for her by her friends.

One of them hangs on the wall: it is a highly coloured portrait of King Edward and is set in a frame which conceals a musical box. It plays only one tune, "Home, Sweet Home."

## Masks And Faces

## The "Natural Mask" Of Many Women

## DO YOU WEAR ONE?

"How daring!" "How original!" "What fun!" cried the women over the new fashion for a mask (complete with cellophane eyelashes) to be carried about in the evening like a fan.

Yet women in reality are no strangers to masks, for, consciously or unconsciously, they don them many times a day. Few and far between are the women who can enter a room full of strangers without their features stiffening in a mask-like way and expressing frozen disdain, fright, or, worse still, blankness.

## The Wrong Type

Altogether, a surprising number of women seem to have no control over their expressions. Sometimes those with the greatest desire to be friendly look at strangers in a manner that is little short of freezing, while others assure their friends that they are

sorry about some domestic calamity, while a wandering glance and absent expression belie every single word they say.

There are women who constantly assume an injured expression, others who in conversation wear a worried look that is most disconcerting, and others who just can't help looking superior when they would much rather not.

All for the want of relaxing their features and allowing their expressions to be as sincere as their words. Always remembering, however, that it is very important to use the right sort of mask when occasion demands it.



## HAIR STYLES FOR CHINESE LADIES

## Captivating Results Of Changes

There is a wide variety in the coiffures worn by the Chinese women of fashion in Shanghai. Many change their style of hair-dressing periodically or as the mood may take them, so there is no dullness of repetition, and we are constantly being presented with he captivating results.

Some few have found a style so suited to their particular type that here is never need to change. Certainly, nothing is as becoming as the classic Chinese beauty with her lovely oval face and slender grace as the severely simple coiffure. Her hair is brushed back tightly into a smooth figure-eight not at the nape of her neck, perfectly shaped and fitting exactly over the high collar.

There may be a parting on either side, in the middle, or not at all, to vary this style a little. It is miraculous to see these women remain so immaculately neat, and they are never seen wearing this coiffure with a hair out of place.

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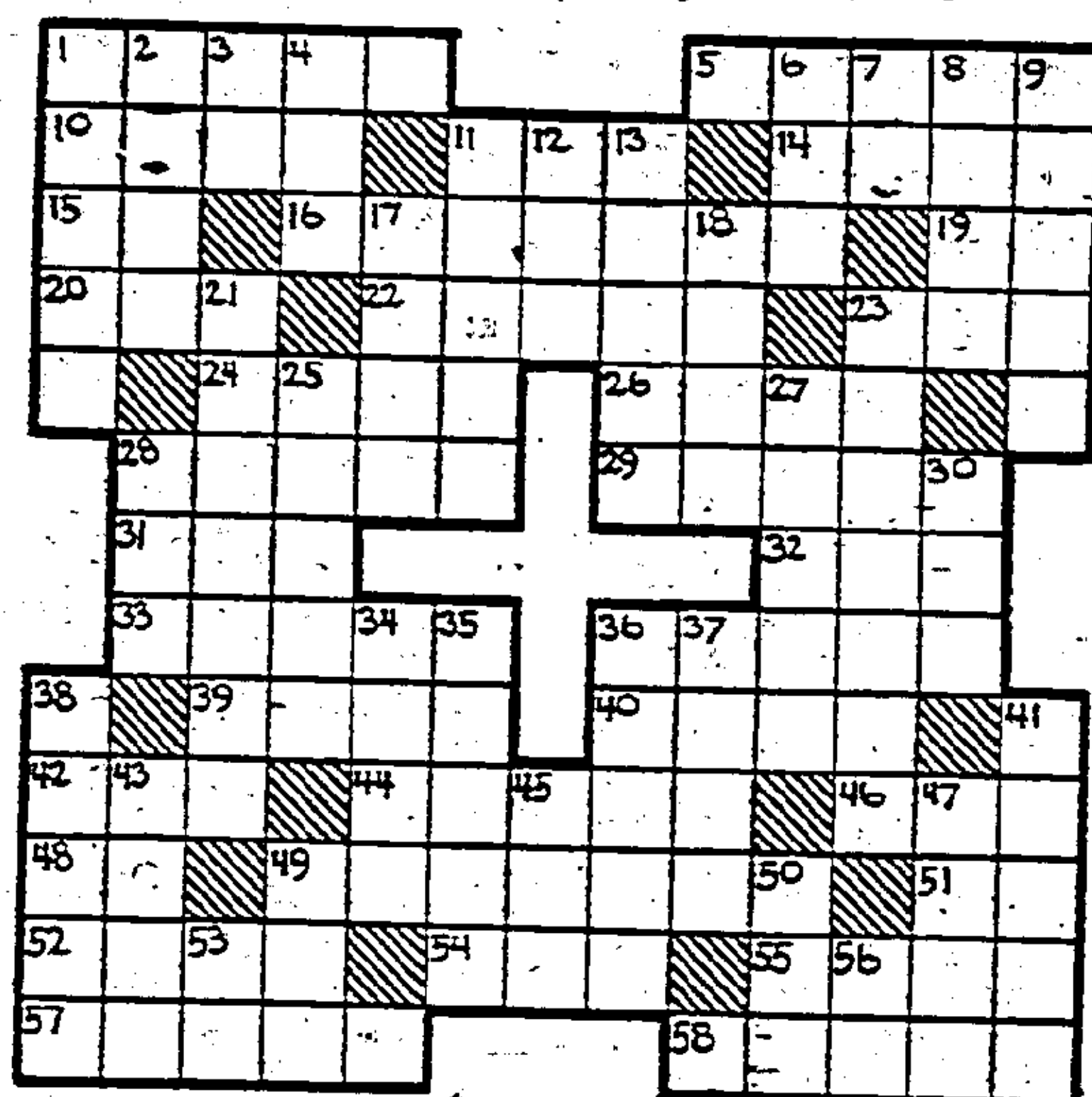
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



**HORIZONTAL**  
1-Search uncertainty  
5-Device for holding  
10-A tower  
11-Existed  
14-River in the Tyrol and Bavaria  
15-Part of verb "to be"  
16-Drilled  
19-Preposition  
20-Joined  
22-Mistake  
23-Cross material  
24-Long grass stem  
25-A beverage  
28-Hauls  
29-Jagged knots  
31-Farm animal  
32-Make lace  
33-A stalk  
36-Not fresh  
38-Weird  
40-Hoop  
42-Crimson  
44-Ventilated

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**  
46-Spect  
48-Comparative suffix  
49-A word having nearly same meaning as another  
51-Other  
52-Military assistant  
54-Obtain  
55-A Hebrew month  
57-Disk of honor  
58-Agitates

**VERTICAL**  
1-A weight measure (pl.)  
2-City of Italy  
3-Bone (Lat.)  
4-Fondle  
6-Cover  
7-Because  
8-Partner  
9-Supports  
11-Protector  
12-Atmosphere

**VERTICAL (Cont.)**  
13-Falls, as snow  
17-Stagger  
18-Ireland  
21-Hoped  
22-Entertained royally  
25-Girl's name  
27-Pertaining to birth  
28-A dance  
30-Saints (abbr.)  
34-Despatch  
35-Scrutinizing  
36-Wasted  
37-Neat  
38-A light yellow  
41-A heavenly body (pl.)  
43-Large lake  
45-Fish eggs  
47-A Mohammedan call  
49-Ocean  
50-Small rug  
53-A degree (abbr.)  
55-Prefix. Two

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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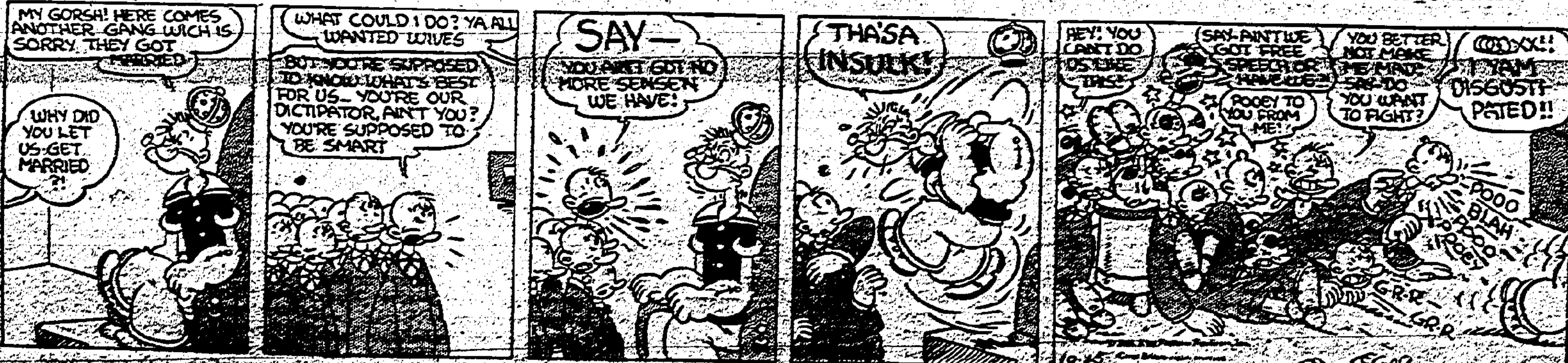
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SCIENCE FEAT FEE  
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SLIT WARS PUS  
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Public Works Department,  
Hong Kong, 28th January, 1936.

## GENERAL NOTICES

THE "STAR" FERRY  
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 12th February, 1936, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

The REGISTER OF SHARE of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 3rd February 1936 to WEDNESDAY, the 12th February, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. H. CRAPNELL,  
Secretary,  
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1936.

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On Monday, the 3rd, February, 1936 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street

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on Wednesday, the 5th, February, 1936 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street

A Fine and Valuable Selection of Jewellery and Sunday Fancy Articles comprising:

Jewellery, Pearls, Crystals, Watches, etc., etc.  
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## "WAR TO ESTABLISH THE LEAGUE"

Archbishop Of York's Reported Statement

New York.  
"It may be necessary to have another great and horrible war to establish the efficacy of the League of Nations," was the remarkable statement made by the Archbishop of York (Dr. Temple), who arrived here in the German liner Bremen recently. "This generation or the next will probably have to be sacrificed," the Archbishop is reported to have stated, "because just as it took the last war to create the League, so it might require another conflict to consolidate the League's position."

THE ENGLISH  
FORUM

Holds Interesting Debate

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Y.W.C.A. on Wednesday when a debate, held under the auspices of the Hong Kong English Forum, took place.

The subject was "Resolved That A University Education Is A Necessity To One's Career." Mr. W. Ing and Miss D. Woo (Canadian Chinese Club) were for the motion, while Messrs. T. and N. Young (H.K. English Forum) opposed it, and after some very interesting points had been raised by both sides the motion was put to the vote and was defeated.

In the course of the evening refreshments were served and the Hong Kong English Forum once again showed that they are most attentive hosts.

The annual meeting of the Forum will take place on February 5, 1936, at the Y.W.C.A., when officers for the ensuing year will be elected. The meeting will be followed by a social night.

ENTERTAINMENT AT  
HELENA MAY

Children's Pantomime Production

## "TROUBLE IN TOYLAND"

The Children's Pantomime, "Trouble in Toyland," produced by Miss Hermione Beauderck, had a most successful first show last evening at the Helena May Institute. The juvenile cast had benefited by the postponement of the presentation from its original date and gave a remarkably smooth performance.

At the fall of the curtain Miss Hermione Beauderck expressed her thanks to all who had assisted in the production. The performance will be repeated to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

Among those who helped were: Mrs. Lowick in playing the music; Miss Murray in prompting; Mme. De Precourt in arranging the dances and designing the costumes; Lt. Bremner and Lt. Curtis in arranging the scenery and H.M.S. Kent in helping; Hermione de V. Beauderck and Diana De Precourt in producing.

The Characters  
Fair, Prudence Johnson; Pixie, Phyllis Sayer; Doll, Jane Strellet; Bear, Martin Smith; Clown, Evelyn Bowers; (Old fashioned toys); Mother Christmas, Mrs. Kenyon; Father Christmas, Mr. J. Ferguson; Mickey Mouse, Vivian Gillespie; Popeye the Sailor, Barbara Rolfe; Aeroplane, Wendy Joseph; Telephone, Thomas Beavor; Bicycle, Jocelyn Beavor.

The play takes place in Toyland in three scenes.  
Act 1, Scene I; In front of the Christmas House, Time—6 o'clock on Christmas Eve.

Scene II; Beside the Ark, Time—8 o'clock Christmas Eve.

Act 2, Scene 1; Inside the Christmas House, Time—11.30 on Christmas Eve.

VICAR PENALISES  
BELLRINGERS

London.—The bellringers at St. George's Church were very good at ringing bells but very lax when it came to attending the services which they announced. The vicar, it is reported, insisted on attendance. When the ringers could not agree on the matter, the vicar locked the belfry door and refused to permit the bells to be rung.

ONE WORD  
COST A MAN  
HIS LIFE

Peace-Lover Aroused  
By Its Use

STRUCK BLOW AND CAUSED  
DEATH

One word (meaning an illegitimate offspring) led to the death of Charles Anderton, aged 74, a cycle factory worker, of Birmingham, and to comments by Mr. Justice du Parcq at Birmingham Assizes recently.

Anderton was said to have used the word in abusing Alfred Thomas Snook, aged 64, a fellow workman. Snook struck a blow, causing Anderton to fall on the concrete floor and fracture his skull.

Snook, described by the police as a peaceful and harmless man, was sentenced to one day's imprisonment for manslaughter, and Mr. Justice du Parcq, in passing the sentence, said:

"The word in some parts of England is regarded as the most awful insult and a justification of attack."

## SEA LION SEES LIFE

EVENTFUL STROLL  
ABOUT TOWN

TRAMCAR DELAYED AND  
BICYCLE UPSET

Dunedin, New Zealand.—A large sea lion which decided to taste the joys of town life has been responsible for a delay in the tramway service at St. Clair, Dunedin.

Leaving the beach where it had been an almost daily visitor for some months past, it spent a joyous morning careering up and down the main streets.

It had a "rest" on the tramcar line and paid no attention to the vigorous clanging of the gong. After some time it was coaxed off and, watched by a large crowd, proceeded along the street, alternately choosing the road and the sidewalk. In a sudden excursion onto the road it upset a youth on a bicycle. During a rest period it accepted a drink from a bottle.

But, eventually, the glamour of town life began to wear off, and, feeling the call of its natural element, the sea lion strolled back to the beach.

A TREASURE 400  
YEARS IN ATTIC

Glorious Stained Glass  
Window

A magnificent pre-Reformation stained-glass window, 25ft. high, has been found by accident after being hidden away for over 400 years behind panelling in the attic of an old East Anglian mansion.

The first to guess its value was a local rector, the Rev. Richard Ridge, who was able to buy it "for a song."

When the discovery was made, an auction sale was imminent at the house. The wooden case containing the component parts of the window was described in the catalogue as "a box with a quantity of stained glass."

Mr. Ridge attended the sale, and waited until the box, which was too heavy to be carried into the sale room, was offered "as described." No one but the rector was interested, and it was "knocked down" to him.

SERVICES' XMAS  
PUDDINGS

Twenty Tons Prepared  
And Used

Twenty tons of Christmas pudding were made by the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute at Aldershot for the troops' Christmas dinner.

Five tons went to Malta and Gibraltar; the remaining 15 tons were used by the home garrisons.



Leslie Banks, Nina Mae McKinney and Paul Robeson in a scene from "Sanders of the River," the latest Alexander Korda production, which will be shown soon at the King's Theatre.

## BRIDGE NOTES

Precise Bidding  
For Slam  
By Ely Colburn

The new International Code of Contract Bridge Laws has decreased the value of Grand Slams, cutting one-third off the enormous bonuses of the last two years. This has not made Grand Slam bidding any less important, however; in fact, it has become vital to show a powerful hand with extreme precision, so that a Grand Slam will not be bid unless it can surely be made.

Mrs. Hugh Fullerton of Cleveland has sent me the following example of Grand Slam bidding, produced by her partner, Mrs. D. B. Pocock, and herself. Their excellent bidding of this hand was largely instrumental in their winning a Pair Tournament.

## East, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable  
S—7 6 4  
H—5 3 2  
D—K 10 9 3  
C—7 6 3

S—A K Q J 9 S—3 2  
H—10 9 8 6 4 W—E A 8 5 4  
D—7 S—D A 8 5 4  
C—A 9 S—C K Q J 5

S—10 5 3  
H—7  
D—Q J 6 2  
C—10 8 4 2

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

East South West North  
1C (1) Pass 1S (2) Pass  
2NT (3) Pass 3H (4) Pass  
4H (5) Pass 4S (6) Pass  
4NT (7) Pass 5NT (8) Pass  
6NT Pass 7S (9) Pass

1—A normal opening bid, though very strong.

2—Game seems practically certain, but West does not jump. The one-over-one is forcing for one round; and a jump takeout of two spades would show three and one-half honours.

3—A semi-forcing bid; East is confident of winning seven tricks in her hand alone.

4—West shows her distribution, preparatory to making a Slam try.

5—Confirming the heart suit, West, by bidding two suits, has asked East to choose one of them.

6—This is an inferential Slam try. Hearts having been bid and assisted, West would have no reason to disturb four hearts except to try for a Slam. Incidentally, West shows her spade suit to be rebiddable.

7—The conventional bid. A Slam now seems possible to East if the key cards—Aces and Kings—are held by the partnership.

8—The forced conventional response, showing two Aces.

9—East has now bid six notrump; West had no way of knowing that the spade suit is solid.

The six-notrump bid, and the earlier jump to two notrump, have shown East's hand to be so powerful that West, knowing that the high cards are controlled and that no immediate trick can be lost, can be almost sure of thirteen tricks.

If the heart suit is not solid, then the club suit should furnish discards for the small hearts in West's hand.

The Grand Slam was made, which, and since it was played in spades, in which West had 100 honours, it was the highest score possible on the deal.

STREET SLEEPERS'  
AID SOCIETY

Further Subscriptions  
Wanted

GENEROUS GESTURE BY  
"STAR" THEATRE

Sir Henry Pollock, Chairman of the Street Sleepers' Shelter Society, with his Committee and helpers, are to be congratulated on the splendid work which the Society is doing during this cold season towards ameliorating the lot of the poor street sleepers.

There can be no doubt that this work is assisting to fill a much felt need, and that it is proving a boon to a considerable number of the unfortunates who have no place to lay their heads other than the street pavements can be judged from the fact that every shelter is overtaxed, and night after night many applicants for a bed have to be turned away. The two shelters on the island are incapable of holding any more beds and before additional accommodation can be provided other premises will have to be obtained. The Kowloon shelter is more fortunate, the building there being able to house another 100 beds, which will doubtless shortly be provided.

The funds necessary for carrying on the Society's work depend entirely upon public subscriptions. Any expansion of the work or increase in the number of shelters will, of course, be contingent upon the amount of funds available.

## Generous Offer

Inspired, no doubt, by the recent opening of the shelter on the peninsula, a Kowloon resident in the person of Mr. Lee Iu Cheng, B.Sc., owner of the Star Theatre, Kowloon, has generously come forward with the following offer.

On Wednesday, February 5 next, the whole proceeds without any deduction for expenses whatever from the four performances at the Star Theatre will be given over to the Street Sleepers' Shelter Society. Several firms of film-distributors, who control the showing of the pictures, have likewise shown a magnanimous spirit and are relinquishing their usual share of the takings.

Mr. H. S. Law, the lessee and manager of the theatre, is energetically co-operating to make these benefit performances attractive, and it is to be hoped that the public generally will show its appreciation of this very charitable effort by ensuring a packed house at each performance, thus swelling the Society's funds and enabling it to extend its deserving and praiseworthy work.

## LATE DR. YUI

Memorial Service  
To Be Held

A Memorial Service for the late Dr. David Z. T. Yui, General Secretary Emeritus of the National Association of Y.M.C.A.s in China, will be held on Tuesday, February 4, at 5.30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Gloucester, to which all friends of Dr. Yui are invited.

The service is sponsored by the Chinese Y.M.C.A., the Chinese Y.W.C.A., the Chinese Christian Union and the St. John's University Alumni Association in Hong Kong.

Those who wish to remember Dr. Yui may do so by making donations to the "David Z. T. Yui Memorial Fund," of which the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd., of No. 6, Queen's Road Central, are the Trustees.



## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be "broadcast" to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

RELAY OF R.R.C. DANCE ORCHESTRA TO-NIGHT  
RECORDED PROGRAMME  
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.  
1.15 p.m.—Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin, Rugby Press News, etc.  
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.15 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
5.11 p.m.—European Programme.  
7.17-7.37 p.m.—A Piano-forte Recital by Arthur Robinson.

1. Cambric in B Minor, Op. 76 (Brahms).  
2. La Cathedrale Engloutie, Prelude No. 10 (Debussy).  
3. Navarra (Albeniz).  
4. Sevilla (Sevillas) (Albeniz).  
7.37-7.42 p.m.—Excerpts from "Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo).  
A Word Allow me!  
A Song of Song Memories.  
Apollo Granforte (Baritone).  
They Come!

Alexandro Valente and Nello Palai (Tenors).  
Get away! such a game, believe me, friends.

Valente, Saraceni, Granforte, Palai and Menni.  
Hark! The Bagpipes.  
Alessandro Valente (Tenor).  
How Pierce Me, Joeked.

Alejandro Saraceni (Soprano).  
7.42-8 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.  
Immer oder Niemals (Waldteufel).  
Zigeunerlied (Lehar).  
Danube Waves—Waltz (Ivanovici).  
Eva—Waltzes (Lehar).

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report; Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.05-8.30 p.m.—Ronald Gourey (Piano).  
Dick Powell (Vocal).

1. Piano Medley.  
2. Songs: Lullaby of Broadway. The "good" Shopping with Gold Diggers of 1935.

3. Piano Medley No. 2.  
4. Songs: The Words are in my heart.

8.30-9 p.m.—A Relay from Davenport.  
The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.

9.30 p.m.—A Relay of the Davenport News Bulletin and Announcements (Copyright by Reuter).  
9.30-9.50 p.m.—A World of Romance.

9.50-10 p.m.—A Variety Programme.  
Piano Solos—  
Top Hat Medley.  
Vivian Ellis.

Vocal—  
"Travlin' all Alone."  
The Boswell Sisters.  
Xylophone Solo—  
Dance of the Raindrops.  
Rudy Starita.

Song—  
I Believe in Miracles.  
Hildegard.

Instrumental—  
Hilo Hanakahi.  
Walkie Stone-Wall Boys.

Vocal—  
Ida Sweet as Apple Cider.  
The Mills Brothers.

Song—  
Chasing Shadows.  
Val Rosing.

Band—  
Six Hit Medley No. 2.  
London Piano Accordion Band.

10 p.m.—Big Ben.  
10-11 p.m.—Dance Music.  
11 p.m.—Close Down.

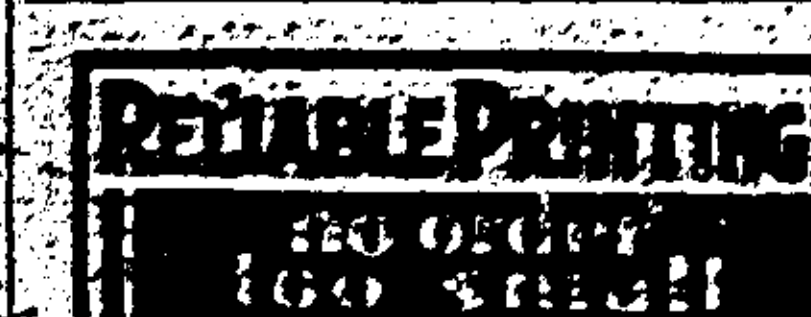
## BOYCOTT URGED

A call to Catholics throughout the United States to fight against American participation in the 1936 Olympic Games is made in an article in *Commonweal*, the leading journal of Catholic opinion in that country.

Preserve Your Health The  
Pleasant Way

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# Sporting Page

## LOCAL PLAYERS' FINE DISPLAY UNDER APPALLING CONDITIONS

### ARSENAL AWAY TO NEWCASTLE

Chelsea At Home To Fulham

F. A. CUP DRAW

London, To-day.  
Newcastle United, who sensationally eliminated the Cup holders, Sheffield Wednesday, last Wednesday, will be at home to Arsenal in the Fifth Round on Saturday, February 15.  
The Throstles, last season's runners-up, will be at home to the Spurs, providing they beat Bradford in their replay.  
The Pensioners are also assured of a good game as the result of Fulham's visit.

The draw resulted as follows:

Barnsley v Stoke.  
Sheffield United v Leeds.  
Grimsby v Manchester C.  
Newcastle v Arsenal.  
Bradford City or Blackburn v Derby.  
Bradford or West Bromwich v Tottenham.  
Chelsea v Fulham.  
Middlesbrough v Leicester.  
—Reuter.

### SHEFFIELD UNITED WIN REPLAY

Leicester Succeed At Nottingham

London, To-day.  
Sheffield United entered the Fifth Round of the F. A. Cup yesterday when they won their home replay against Preston North End by two clear goals. They will be at home to Leeds on February 15.

In the Second Division Leicester City won at Nottingham, beating the Forest by the only goal of the game.—Reuter.

### RUGBY DEFEAT FOR R.A.F.

Warwickshire Too Good For East Midlands

London, To-day.  
Leicester beat the visiting Royal Air Force fifteen by 5 points to 3 in their Rugby Union match yesterday, while in a County Championship replay Warwickshire, playing at home, beat East Midlands by 11 points to 4.—Reuter.

### SECOND DIVISION TEAMS

The following are the Second Division teams for the week-end:  
Kewloun—Munich; Foxman; and Catter; Tyndall, Tilly and Olsen; Humphreys, Winch, Willis, Bones and Pereira.

Reserves—Harris.  
Athletic—Lo Kwok-ki; Kwok Ping-chung, Lo Wai-man; Wong Wing-nin; Lee Man-ki; Yip Tak-fung; Lee Wah-tin, Chi Che-fung; Chan Chung-yin, Chan Yin-chung and Chung Moon-wing.

South China—Wong Wah-kei; Yeung Chi-chung, Tang Chung-pak; Sin Kit-man, Ho Chi-wing, A. N. Other, Ip Yim-po, Lau Tin-san, Ip Koon-ming, Li Wing-on and Wong King-chung.

Reserves—Ho Chi-yung; Ng Ying-lay and Chow Koon-ping; Tang Chung-wan, Shui Ping-shun and Lee Ping-tung; Chan Ping-to, Pok Yim-wa, Cheng Sui-hong, Soong Ling-ping and M. Sahbaz.  
Radio—Rocha; Arculli and A. M. Omar; Marlow, Mitchell and Hassan; J. Tavares, Arim, Hama, Sousa and Yau.

### OPERATION ON BATEMAN

Bateman, the Brentford full-back who was injured at Manchester on October 26, was examined recently by a specialist, and cartilage trouble was diagnosed. He was sent to hospital at once and underwent an operation. He will be absent from football for at least six weeks.



The Hong Kong, left, and Shanghai Interport ladies' hockey eleven photographed prior to their clash on the Canidrome ground, Shanghai, which resulted in a triumph for the Colony side by the only goal.

### KOTEWALL CUP

Army Make Many Changes

### CHINESE TEAM UNCERTAIN

The Second Round of the Kotewall Charity Cup soccer competition will take place on Sunday afternoon when the Chinese team will encounter the Army eleven on the Naval ground at Causeway Bay, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The Army team has been tentatively selected and several changes are noticeable, the most outstanding of which is the inclusion of Campbell, of the Rifles, in the pivotal position with Ball and Evans support him on the right and left-flanks, respectively.  
Smith, the East Lancs' right-half, who has been successfully experimented with on the right-wing, will probably fill this position, while Sandford, Coackley, Talbot and Ridings comprise the rest of the attack.

The Chinese team has not yet been selected, but it is almost certain to include Pau Ka-ping in goal, Chan Kwai-liang and Lee Tin-sang as the two full-backs, Leung Wing-chiu, Wong Mei-shun and Lee Kwok-wai, the half-backs, and Tso Kwai-shing, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tung, Lai Shiu-wing and Ip Pak-wa, the forwards.

### Army Team

The following will represent the Army against South China in the Kotewall Cup Charity game on Sunday at Causeway Bay:

Rowlands (Fullbacks), Swain (East Lancs.) and Steele (East Lancs.); Ball (East Lancs.); Campbell (Rifles) and Evans (Fullbacks); Smith (East Lancs.); Sandford (East Lancs.); Coackley (Fullbacks), Talbot (Fullbacks) and Ridings (East Lancs.).

Reserves: —Harrison (Fullbacks) and Gorman (East Lancs.).

### THIRD DIVISION TEAMS

The following are the Third Division Teams for the week-end:  
St. Joseph's—Burr, Aycock and Runjain; Wilkinson, Castro and Sprinkle; Ahwai, Rocha, Götche, Joalinho and Thirwell.

Railway—Leung Kam; Ip Shim-ming; Wong Min-hin; Cheung Chuen; Cheung Lam; Li Hung-chuen; Lau Cheong; Cheung Chung-hong; Fung Chee; Leung Kan and Sung Chan.  
Chinese Police—Chan Wai-lam; Min Si-ki; Wong On; Wu Po, Wing Ching; Kwok Kwan-tung; Wong Man-wai; Chan Chin; Li Kam; Chan Wing-kam and Keng Hing.

Liga—A. Quinn; Gomes, Gaan; G. Souza, H. Remedios, M. Ribeiro; G. Lawrence, J. Santos, H. Souza, C. Santos and J. Remedios.

### FOR THE NAVAL DELEGATES

At the request of the Government Minister for Hospitality, the Moor Park Golf Club have thrown open their three courses to the delegates attending the London Naval Conference.

### FORMER FAULTS OVERCOME

### MISS WESTCOTT FULLY JUSTIFIES SELECTION

MISS GRAY INTERVIEWED

(By "Sticks")

"CONDITIONS were appalling and our girls were nearly frozen in the snow and the slush which followed the first half of the Interport game," said Miss E. M. Gray, captain of the victorious Colony Ladies' Interport hockey team, in an exclusive interview on board the s.s. Kashima Maru this morning soon after the vessel had berthed.

Miss Gray said the game was played on the Canidrome ground on the morning following the Interport soccer match and the ground had been so churned up by the latter encounter that it resembled a morass. "Rubbers" were hopeless under the prevailing conditions and football boots had to be borrowed.

"The team played splendidly in the Interport and the game was in our favour throughout. The weaknesses which had been apparent following the final Interport trial in the Colony had disappeared and the eleven players combined as one.

### GOLF STARTING TIMES

Pairings For Fanling Next Sunday

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling to-morrow:

| OLD COURSE |                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9.20 a.m.  | E. M. Bryden, I. H. Geare             |
| 9.24 "     | A. D. Humphreys, H. H. Mundy          |
| 9.28 "     | O. E. C. Marton, T. A. Pearce         |
| 9.32 "     | A. Nicol, G. B. S. Thomson            |
| 9.36 "     | A. H. McBride, K. S. Robertson        |
| 9.40 "     | W. W. C. Shewan, R. E. Collings       |
| 9.44 "     | G. W. Sewell, J. A. Alabaster         |
| 9.48 "     | W. J. S. Key, D. L. Prophet           |
| 9.52 "     | A. Sommerfelt, J. Forbes              |
| 9.56 "     | J. Angwin, H. B. C. Hallows           |
| 10.00 "    | A. McKellar, N. K. Littlejohn         |
| 10.04 "    | H. N. Williamson, G. T. May           |
| 10.08 "    | T. J. Price, T. B. Rowell             |
| 10.12 "    | A. Murdoch, P. Tod                    |
| 10.16 "    | G. S. Chambers, J. S. Dunnett         |
| 10.20 "    | S. P. Langley, W. N. Buyers           |
| 10.24 "    | S. S. Perry, J. S. Dykes              |
| 10.28 "    | E. W. Jones, P. C. Madie              |
| 10.32 "    | A. C. L. Bowker, A. H. Penn           |
| 10.36 "    | N. L. Smith, G. Marselle              |
| 10.40 "    | G. H. Wilson, C. W. Jeffries          |
| 10.44 "    | J. W. Mayhew, D. A. O'Kieffe          |
| 10.48 "    | W. N. A. Smalley, D. S. Edwards       |
| 10.52 "    | R. M. Henderson, R. Young             |
| 10.56 "    | L. E. Billingham, R. C. Webb          |
| 11.00 "    | D. J. Keogh, P. Morrison              |
| 11.04 "    | W. J. E. Mackenzie, F. M. Ellis       |
| 11.08 "    | Surg. Lt. Cdr. Marks, Pay. Lt. Morant |
| 11.12 "    | Lt. Cdr. Russell, T. R. Chasels       |
| 11.16 "    | Comdr. Sedgwick, Comdr. Hole          |
| 11.20 "    | R. L. Moncrieff, Lt. Col. Robertson   |
| 11.24 "    | Wing Cdr. Bishop, C. Bulmer Johnson   |
| NEW COURSE |                                       |
| 9.24 a.m.  | W. W. Murdoch, W. S. Hillier          |
| 9.32 "     | Mrs. Smalley, Miss Curran             |
| 9.40 "     | H. U. Ireland, A. R. Purves           |
| 9.44 "     | W. Sharp, A. A. Bremner               |
| 9.52 "     | R. L. S. Webb, G. A. Stewart          |
| 10.00 "    | Mrs. Jeffries, Mrs. McTher            |

### £100 GOLF GIFT

The Championship Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews has forwarded £100 to the Professional Golfers Association, and it has been placed in the benevolent fund of the association.



Miss M. Westcott, above, the "Y" Ladies' and Interport left-wing, scored a goal against the Rest of Shanghai, who lost to the Colony side by 5 goals to 1.

### ALL BLACKS MATCH INSURED

Underwriters Make Inquiries

### SCOUTS VISIT GROUND

London, January 2.

Underwriters at Lloyd's were today asked to quote a rate for insurance against the risk of cancellation of the Rugby match between England and the All Blacks at Twickenham on Saturday.

Before making a rate, the underwriters have been making hurried inquiries into the state of the ground. Scouts were hastily despatched to the ground.

Floods and fog are considered to be the only considerable risks. The ground is always well protected against frost.

As soon as the scouts have brought back their reports a rate will be made.

An official of the Rugby Union said that the Twickenham ground was in perfect condition.

"The going will be a little heavy," he said; "but if we have no more heavy rain, the turf will be in fine condition for Saturday."

### TO-DAY'S HOCKEY MATCH

Club To Meet Recrio

The following will represent the Club de Recrio "A" in a friendly hockey game against the Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" at King's Park at 5 p.m. to-day—A. N. Other; E. A. R. Alves (capt.) and A. J. Basto; A. da Silva, L. Oliveira and A. M. Alves; A. R. de Pinna, F. Nolasco, A. A. R. Botelho, A. S. Xavier and A. Angelo.

### The Club Team

The Club team will be as follows—Van der Waal; A. Tate and R. H. D. Lane; A. N. Other, Dale and A. N. Other; A. N. Other, N. A. E. Mackay, G. E. R. Divett, A. A. R. Botelho and A. J. Bennett.

### CLUB HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Radio Sports Club on the Radio Sport ground, Caroline Hill, at 5 p.m. to-day—H. F. Shields; J. E. Potter (Capt.) and G. Sommer; J. L. Coteworth, W. A. Reed and E. A. Bates; S. A. Fowler, K. C. Woodhouse, G. E. R. Divett, D. Carey and D. L. Nooy.

### IRISH HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL FIFTEEN SELECTED

London, yesterday.—The following have been selected to represent Ireland against England in the Rugby Union International series at Dublin on February 8:—Morris; Boyle, McMahon, Bailey and Macdonald; Hewitt and Morgan; Alexander; C. Beamish; Deering, Graves, Russell, Sirgins, Gayers and Walker.—Reuter.



An incident during the Ladies' Interport hockey match showing Miss J. Wong, the Colony right-half (on the left), tackling a Shanghai forward, while Miss M. Smith, the Colony's brilliant right-winger and Miss S. Dalcie, our inside-right, are seen in the right background and extreme background, respectively.

### GOOD JUNIOR SOCCER PROGRAMME

ENGINEERS AND EASTERN EVENLY MATCHED

(By "Rover")

ALL the fixtures in the Second Division of the local soccer League this week-end promise to be very evenly contested, but the outstanding game will probably be witnessed on Sunday when Eastern encounter the Engineers.

The Engineers have now struck the form that characterised their play towards the end of last season and they have won their last few games with comparative ease. Should Howlett and Darby maintain their present form they stand a very good chance of winning the Junior Shield once again.

Eastern, in spite of their successes so far, are not yet quite satisfied with their team and are seeking the transfer of Chan Yui-chuen, a reserve senior goalkeeper from South China, but who has not yet played this season. It is also understood that another player from Canton will be playing this week.

### Navy in Running

The Navy will meet the Club, and, as they are still in the running for the Second Division championship, they will not be taking any chances and will be fielding their best team.

Though the Rifles have not won any games in the Second Division yet, they have now had time to settle down and should give the University a very good game.

### Radio Should Win

The two Clubs at the bottom of the League table, the Radio and Kowloon, will meet to-morrow and the former, with the inclusion of O. M. Omar, and the return of Rocha and Hassan, should just win.

On Sunday, the Fusiliers will encounter the combined R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C. team, and a defeat for the former team will practically eliminate them from the championship race.

Bumster and Cresty play well together and always receive ample support from Parry and Davis.



ENGLAND TEAM SELECTED

### Soccer Match Against Wales

London, To-day.

The following have been selected to play for England against Wales in the International football match next Wednesday at Wolverhampton:

Hibbs; Male and Hapgood; Craxton, Barker and Bray; Crooks, Bowden, Drake, Bastin and Brook.  
—Reuter.



# H.K. TEAM'S LATE ARRIVAL DISORGANISES WEEK-END SOCCER

## AN IMPORTANT SOCCER THE IN JUNIOR DIVISION

Fusiliers To Meet East Lanes.

POLICE "DERBY" CLASH

On Sunday the Fusiliers will encounter the East Lanes in the Third Division, and the result of this game is likely to have a very important bearing on the final League standing.

A win for the Fusiliers will make their position as potential League champions almost unassailable, but a victory for the East Lanes will not only enable them to continue to be in the running, but will also bring the Chinese Police into the race as well.

There is very little to choose between the two teams. The Fusiliers depend to a very great extent on Singleton to obtain their goals, though the other forwards are also dangerous.

### Rifles Win Doubtful

The Rifles will encounter Liga and, in view of the fact that the latter beat their second team in the Shield an easy win is forecast for the Portuguese team. The Rifles, however, gave a very good display on their arrival here against the Medicals, and if any new talent has been discovered during the interval, then the Liga, in spite of their brilliant forward line, are likely to be fully extended.

The Saints will be no match for the Air Force. The former are playing W. R. Wilkinson, a promising youngster just out from England who is said to have played for a good school team. He will be seen at right half.

The Chinese Police should account for the European Police.

## VILLA PROVIDE SURPRISE

Fine Win At Roker Park

(By ARBITER)

London, January 2.  
Aston Villa—the football club that spent thousands of pounds on new players in a fight against the recent run of defeats—rose with all their majesty yesterday and accomplished one of the most startling performances for many years in defeating Sunderland at Roker Park by 3-1. In securing a commanding lead in the League, Sunderland had seemed worthy of their old title, "The team of all the talents."

### No Parallel

There has been no parallel to the Villa's feat since Walsall knocked the Arsenal out of the Cup competition three years ago. Success for the Villa seemed outside the bounds of possibility. Fixed to the bottom of the table, they had not won a match away from home since September 21, and although they have recently spent about £25,000 on five new players, there had been no improvement in their play.



A. Quinn, above, of the Liga Portuguesa, is at present displaying excellent form between the sticks.

## OSMUND WINS

Records Break Of 86 Against Leung

BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

A. J. Osmund, the Colony champion, defeated Leung Lin-cheng by 500 points to 188 in the Senior Billiards Championship at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night, and in doing so broke the record held by Andrew Tse by securing the highest break an 86.

Over 150 people saw the game and were not disappointed by the champion, who showed excellent form to make breaks of 54, 45, 36, 51, 36, 36 and 86. It is going to take a very good man to beat him. Leung never settled down throughout the game.

Only three matches in the Junior Billiards Championship were played off last night. At the Club Lusitano, Lam Shin-fan beat Chan Hon-shu by 300 points to 223. R. G. Xavier beat G. Holcroft by 300 points to 223 at the South China Athletic Association, and at the Engineers' Institution, Ma Chuen-man defeated S. G. Smith by 300 points to 186.

The match between Leung Sin-man and Yuen Hong-lu, which was scheduled to be played at the Club de Recreio, was postponed.

## HOPCROFT HITS A CENTURY

But Medicals Only Manage Draw

The R.A.M.C. played a friendly cricket match against H.M.S. Tamar at Happy Valley yesterday and despite the fact that they scored 212 runs for 8 wickets (declared), they could only manage a draw, the Tamar still having 3 wickets intact when stumps were drawn.

Hopcroft scored a century for the Medicals, hitting 18 boundaries in the process. R.A.M.C.: 212 for 8 dec. (Hopcroft 109, Castell 41). H.M.S. Tamar: 125 for 7 (Hibbs 43, not out; Matthews 29 not out).

### SIGNALS HOCKEY WIN

The Royal Corps of Signals resumed their Corps Hockey programme yesterday with a match against H.M.S. Parthian at King's Park which they won by 4 goals to 3.

## SOUTH CHINA "A" AND CLUB TO CANCEL FIXTURES?

BUT ST. JOSEPH'S AND KOWLOON UNAFFECTED BY ABSENTEES

(By "Rover")

AS a result of the postponed arrival of the Colony's Interport football team—they will not return to the Colony until Sunday morning—the re-arranged Senior Division League programme for to-morrow has been disorganised and, with both the Hon. Secretary and Assistant Hon. Secretary away from the Colony, nobody seems to know what is happening!

The Club, who have four Interporters—Roger, Strange, Hill and Rickford—and South China "A," who are represented by Leung Wing-chai, Wong Mei-shun, Lee Kwok-wai and Lee Wai-tong, are both affected by the Empress of Russia's late arrival, and in all probability the Club's game against the East Lancashire Regiment and South China "A's" clash with Stonecutters will be postponed till a later date.

Kowloon and St. Joseph's, in spite of the respective absences of Bliss and David Leonard, who are with the Interport team, will play off their postponed senior fixture at Kowloon, while South China "B" will meet the much improved Rifles' team at Caroline Hill. In addition to these games, there is a full Second and Third Division programme. On Sunday the main attraction will be the Kowloon Cup encounter between the Chinese and the Army.

## S. CHINA "B's" TASK AGAINST THE RIFLES

Lee Shek-Yau May Not Play

KILLEN PROMOTED TO FIRST DIVISION

Following their recent triumph over the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who defeated the Shanghai Interport eleven, the Rifles will make their third First Division League appearance to-morrow afternoon when they encounter South China "B" at Caroline Hill. The Rifles did extraordinarily well in their first two matches, just losing to St. Joseph's, but trounced the Recreio, while South China "B" have yet to be beaten although they have drawn four of their clashes.

The Chinese will remain unchanged, with the exception of the left-wing berth, for which Lee Shek-yau is a very doubtful starter.

Rifles Changes

The Rifles have made several changes and their outstanding change is the promotion of Killen, a Third Division player, to the inside-right berth.

The latter performed brilliantly against the Inniskilling Fusiliers, scoring twice, and has justly earned his promotion.

Pickering, their right-back, is on the injured list and McGonigal has been transferred from the left-back position to fill the vacancy, while Coyle, another junior player, has been promoted to fill the left-half berth.

Recognition For Campbell

Campbell, the Rifles' pivot, has so far proved one of the outstanding Army half-backs in the Colony, and if he continues to show the same form nothing can prevent him from securing recognition in the Army team.

South China's strength lies in their splendid defence. Their forwards have all the ways and means for scoring goals, but more often than not they represent five individuals rather than one attacking force.

Providing the weather keeps fine a grand game should result with the odds evenly distributed.

The teams are:  
S. China "B"—Pan Keping (captain); Leung In-chun and Lee Kam; Henry Young, Lam Tak-po

## FRED PERRY TO LEAD QUIET LIFE FOR A FEW MONTHS

No Tournament Play For A While

London, December 22.  
Fred Perry, the tennis star, interviewed by Reuters on his arrival in London, said that he was little more than an invalid and could not move his right side. He intended to lead a very quiet life for the next few months. There could be no question of tournament play, until his trouble was cured—Reuters.

## ROVER'S FORECAST

The following is the forecast for the week-end fixtures, giving the favoured team in capital letters.

### TO-MORROW

#### FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v ST. JOSEPH'S (Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)

South China "B" v Rifles (Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)

#### SECOND DIVISION

RADIO v Kowloon (Sookimpoo, 2.45 p.m.)

Athletic v EAST LANCES (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)

Recreio v SOUTH CHINA (Chatham Rd., 2.45 p.m.)

#### Club

University v NAVY (Canterbury Bay, 2.45 p.m.)

Medicals v RIFLES (Military, H.V., 2.45 p.m.)

#### THIRD DIVISION

Medicals v Railway (Military, 2.45 p.m.)

Rifles v LIGA (Prince Edward Rd., 2.45 p.m.)

St. Joseph's v AIR FORCE (King's Park, 2.45 p.m.)

#### CHINESE POLICE

Police v European (Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)

### SUNDAY

#### KOTEWALL CHARITY CUP

South China v Army (Canterbury Bay, 4.15 p.m.)

#### SECOND DIVISION

R.A.O.C. v F.A.S.C. v FUSILIERS (Sookimpoo, 2.45 p.m.)

#### EASTERN

Canterbury Bay, 2.45 p.m.

#### THIRD DIVISION

East Lanes v FUSILIERS (Prince Edward Rd., 4.15 p.m.)

and George Tang, Yeung Shui-yick, Lai Shiu-wing, Ho Kar-ting, Cheuk Shik-yan and Lee Shik-yu.

The Rifles' corner, McGonigal and Stevens; Nelson, Campbell and Coyle; Brown, Killen, Ferguson, Erwin and Hartigan.

## ST. JOSEPH'S AND KOWLOON ARE WEAKENED

Leonard And Bliss Absentees

KEEN ENCOUNTER FOR TO-MORROW

In spite of the enforced absence of David Leonard, the St. Joseph's centre-forward, and A. S. Bliss, the Kowloon centre-half, these two teams will meet to-morrow afternoon on the latter Club's ground in their postponed First Division League fixture.

Kowloon have brought Stewart into the intermediate line at left-half, while "Paddy" Boyd will take the centre-half position in the absence of Bliss.

Boyd, who has been consistently good this season, should be able to hold his halves together and at the same time feed his forwards.

G. Singh's Return

The St. Joseph's forward line will be weaker without Leonard, although Guruchan Singh, who has not played recently owing to Interport hockey trials, will make a reappearance at centre-forward while Hussain will support him on the left.

The Saints possess an excellent defence, and with L. Souza and Costa both at the top of their form the mainland team will be fully extended.

The Saints have experienced several ups and downs this season, but should be in line with the other leading teams by the end of the season.

The teams are:  
Kowloon:—Boys; Everest and Eastman, Kemp, Boyd and Stewart, W. Knox, Roberts, G. White, V. White and Gunnball.

St. Joseph's:—U. B. Souza; L. Souza and V. Costa; L. Woo, Sinclair and P. J. Elms, E. Victor, W. Ward, Guruchan Singh, Hussain and Fernandes.

BAER FOR THE FILMS

Max Baer, ex-heavy-weight champion of the world, now says that he has definitely finished with the ring, and according to his manager, Abe Hoffman (quoted by Reuters), Baer is studying English fiction under a private tutor with the object of launching out on a film career shortly.



Miss M. B. Souza, above, the Colony Ladies Interport player, played an important part in their victory over the Shanghai Ladies recently.

## CLEAN SWEEP WIN FOR ELIOT HALL

V.R.C. Trounced By Saints

BADMINTON LEAGUE

Two matches in the Men's Doubles Badminton League were decided last night, when Eliot Hall "A" defeated the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by nine sets to nil at Wanchai, and at the St. Andrew's Church Hall, St. Andrew's "A" beat the Victoria Recreation Club by 8 sets to 1.

Detailed results of the games were as follows:—

### Saints' "A" Win

At the St. Andrew's Church Hall last night, the St. Andrew's "A" team beat the Victoria Recreation Club by 8 sets to 1:—

E. F. Fincher and P. A. Broadbridge (St. Andrew's "A") beat C. N. Silva and S. A. Rumbiah 2-1

best M. M. de V. Soares and J. A. de V. Soares 2-1

best E. Alves and R. E. Allum 2-1

H. Kew and R. H. Wong (St. Andrew's "A") beat Silva and Rumbiah 2-1

best Soares and Soares 2-1

best Alves and Allum 2-1

A. E. P. Guest and P. V. Wong (St. Andrew's) beat Silva and Rumbiah 2-1

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## BADMINTON COMPETITION AT RECREIO

Ladies' Tournament Concluded

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The Club de Recreio was packed with lady members last night, when the winners and the runners-up in the Recreio Ladies' Badminton Tournament were presented with silver cups and silver spoons, respectively.

Mrs. A. W. da Rosa congratulated the winners, and made the presentation.

The cups were donated by Messrs. Rutledge and Sons and Mrs. A. W. da Rosa. Mr. A. E. Xavier donated the spoons.

The following were the winners:—"E" team—Miss Cita Souza, Miss E. S. Remedios, Miss A. Osmund, Miss Olga Basto, Miss A. Remedios and Mrs. H. A. Barros.

The following were the runners-up:—"A" team—Miss Alda Remedios, Miss R. Ribeiro, Miss M. Ribeiro, Miss G. A. Xavier, Miss Pat Remedios and Miss S. Remedios.

Prior to the presentation of prizes a match between the winners and the Rest was played.

The following were the results: The winners were beaten by the Rest by 2 games to 1:—

Miss Cita Souza and Miss S. Remedios (Winners) 6-21

Miss Alda Remedios and Miss Olga Basto (Runners) 14-21

Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss G. A. Xavier (Runners) 21-8

Miss Pat Remedios and Miss S. Remedios 21-8

Miss Cita Souza and Miss S. Remedios 21-8

Miss Alda Remedios and Miss Olga Basto 21-8

Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss G. A. Xavier 21-8

Miss Pat Remedios and Miss S. Remedios 21-8

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## Examinations Under Examination

An eminent Oxford tutor once said bitterly that the examination system had made the British and the Chinese the great nations which they are. It has taken the general public some time to discover that the British national efficiency has now come to depend on the validity of examination results. Entry into every profession is open only to those who satisfy the appointed examiners. Appointment in all the grades of the Civil Service has to be obtained by success in competitive examination. Throughout commerce and industry employers now generally require applicants for positions to produce some examination certificate of ability. Even the possibility of obtaining more than elementary education depends for the great mass of children on passing examinations. As the power of examiners has extended dissatisfaction with the system has steadily grown. Sir Michael Sadler is assured of public attention to the strong case for reform which he made out at the Higher Education Conference of the National Union of Teachers early this month. Recent investigations, he contended, had shown that the results of examinations are not as exact or trustworthy as the system assumes. Chance plays too large a part in the marking of papers. The evidence is to be found in the "Examination of Examinations," by Sir Philip Hartog and Dr. Rhodes, published last month.

Summarising the investigations of an authoritative committee, these writers showed that competent examiners gave such widely different marks to the same papers as to raise doubts whether any validity could be attached to the examination result for a candidate of "middling" merit. Even in a viva voce test much depended on the personnel of the examining board. These conclusions, it should be said, have been seriously challenged. Dr. Cyril Norwood has declared that, throughout his experience of 35 years in preparing boys for examinations, "speaking roughly, the boys I have expected to fail have failed and the boys I have expected to pass have passed." The Committee did not propose to abolish the examination system or even to eliminate from it those tests, such as questions of the essay type, on which examiners must inevitably give varying marks. We cannot do without these methods for selection and for estimating general proficiency. Still they are capable of much improvement. Sir Michael Sadler suggested the addition of intelligence tests as devised by psychologists and the submission of school records to the examiners so that they should know as much as possible of the boy or girl as a human being. That, though it may be difficult to arrange in large-scale examinations, would be of the highest value.

## Omens Of Prosperity

Both the Railways and the Bankers' Clearing House recently published the total figures of their work in 1935. There could be no better criterion of the development of industrial and commercial activity, and these statistics confirm

## EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON

### Hitching Post Of The New World

STANDING within a few yards from the west bank of the Ozama River, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, is "Columbus Tree," a gnarled and knotted castor bean tree, measuring about ten feet in diameter at the base. It is venerated as the "first hitching post of the New World," because Columbus reputedly used the tree to moor his vessel there on one of his voyages of discovery. Several hundred years old at the time of Columbus, this tree is still hale and hearty, and will probably continue to produce castor beans for another few centuries.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Brahms' Requiem

[To The Editor, "China Mail"]  
Dear Sir,—I am informed by the Cathedral authorities that the collection on the occasion of the singing of the Requiem amounted to \$176 and 5/9 in English money. This will enable us to send a cheque for \$12 to St. Dunstan's. The only item of expense of the service was the cost of the service paper, and this will be met by the Singers.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking you for the generous publicity afforded not only to the service itself but also to the rehearsals for the Singers. Owing to the holidays, the majority of our members first heard of the service and the rehearsals in the afternoon papers on Saturday.

To me the outstanding feature of our service of tribute to the memory of a beloved King was the international character of both choir and audience.

A. S. KING,

Chairman,  
Hong Kong Singers.

### Your Daily Smile!

A correspondence course in taming lions is now available. One stares them fearfully in the eye until the postman comes.

### Is It Love?

Well, maybe nobody loves a fat man—but a lot of women are married to them.

### Now Tell Me

A very nice old lady had a few words to say to her granddaughter. "My dear," said the old lady, "I wish you would do something for me. I wish you would promise me never to use two words. One is swell and the other is leasy. Would you promise me that?"

"Why sure, Granny," said the girl. "What are the words?"

### Not Even Money Will

Magistrate (to hard-up suitor): "Young man, do you know how I made my money?"  
Young Man: "Yes, but I can't permit that to stand in the way of Muriel's happiness."

### A Large World

The Spectator: "I can't understand anyone missing a putt as short as that."

The Golfer: "Let me remind you that the hole is only 4½ inches across, and there is the whole world outside it."

the evidence from other sources justifying "satisfaction" with progress made and confidence in the future. For the British railways 1934 was a year of considerable improvement, though they were left with much more to accomplish. In 1935 they obtained a further increase of traffic to the amount of £1,551,000.

From the outset of the year all the railways made strenuous efforts to "increase" passenger traffic, and they have been well rewarded. In the first nine months alone there were nearly 41,000,000 more passenger journeys than in the same period last year. It must be noted that the total gross increase of more than £1,500,000 in revenue is offset by higher working costs, and a further claim for wage increase is pending. The steady growth of trade and industry is shown not only by an increase of 5.8 per cent. in the full total of the Bankers' Clearing House but even more significantly by an 8.1 per cent. rise in the country figures. A large expansion in issues of new capital clearly points to greater future industrial activity.

## Here There and Everywhere.



### RALEIGH'S GRAVE

Visitors to St. Margaret's, Westminster, Church are always interested to know that Sir Walter Raleigh lies there, but do not find the grave.

Raleigh was beheaded in Old Palace Yard, near by, on Oct. 29, 1618, and is recorded to have been "buried privately, under the high altar."

The burial register gives no more than a single line of the name, Sir Walter Raleigh, Knt.

What was the ultimate disposal of the head is not known. It is thought likely that it was placed with the other remains at a later date, possibly when Carew, Raleigh's son born in the Town of London, was himself laid in his father's grave when Charles II. was King.

The present memorial brass in the church replaces an earlier wooden tablet raised to the great Elizabethan, and perpetuates the original inscription, closing with the lines:

"Reader—  
Should you reflect on his errors,  
Remember his many virtues  
And that he was a mortal."

### 40 YEARS OF ADVENTURE

Captain W. H. Parker, of the Olympic, whose death was recently announced, was a quiet man with a somewhat episcopal air. He would invite passengers interested in such matters to his cabin to see his collection of engravings of sailing-ships.

"I have had so many adventures in my forty odd years at sea," he once said, "that I ought to command a ship named the 'Hectic'!" Those adventures are recorded in his "Leaves from an Unwritten Log Book," a readable volume.

Captain Parker was one of the many ship's officers who "solved" the Marie Celeste mystery. He was in favour of the giant squid theory.

### FOUND BURNED TO DEATH

Mr. Belham Smith Spark, aged 69, retired estate agent, was found dead in the drawing-room at Burnston House, Burnham-on-Sea (Somerset), last month. His head was in the fire and he was burned beyond recognition. He was well known as an amateur engineer and meteorologist.

## ITALY'S LANDSCAPE TO-DAY

### WHAT FOREIGN VISITORS CAN SEE

### CHANGED CONDITIONS EVIDENT AMONG THE PEOPLE

(By An English Traveller)

Rome: "It is the women," an indignant friend told me. "They lie in front of the trains and will not let them go." But whether these western disciples of Gandhi exist outside his Latin imagination I could not—indeed did I dare—to attempt to verify.

Since we came down from the mountains at dawn and drew up at Turin we have passed through an almost deserted country. The roads have been empty; and upon the great trunk lines which connect the northern sea ports with the capital I have seen but two private motorcars. Only a year ago the roads were full of them.

### Empty Fields

The fields are empty, too. In normal times they teem with life and vigour, but to-day, at a season when there is work to be done, solitary men toil fast to do the work of two or more. Yet there are men about, and all that I could closely observe have cut short the little finger nail on their right hand. The long finger nail, which used to tell the world that its possessor did no manual labour, was the glory of the Italian fop; but something has happened in his life to bring his hands to more civilised proportions. It may be for his good; it may be that to have the hands of a mechanised warrior is now his creed.

The railway stations are full of such young men; and to-day, indeed, the man of military age, sauntering as usual, and as usual with nothing to do, hangs around trains for purposes as mysterious as ever they were. So far as the railway stations are concerned, it is the women who have vanished; and at Pisa I saw only one. She was a pretty girl, her face red with weeping; and as she wept she waved frantically to a train long after it had vanished into the plain.

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### "It Is The Women"

Of soldiers there are no more than there have ever been, with the exception of a small company of steel-helmeted dwarfs standing on the platform outside the window of this sleeping-car. They were there an hour ago, brass trumpets and drums in their hands, waiting to welcome a train that does not arrive.

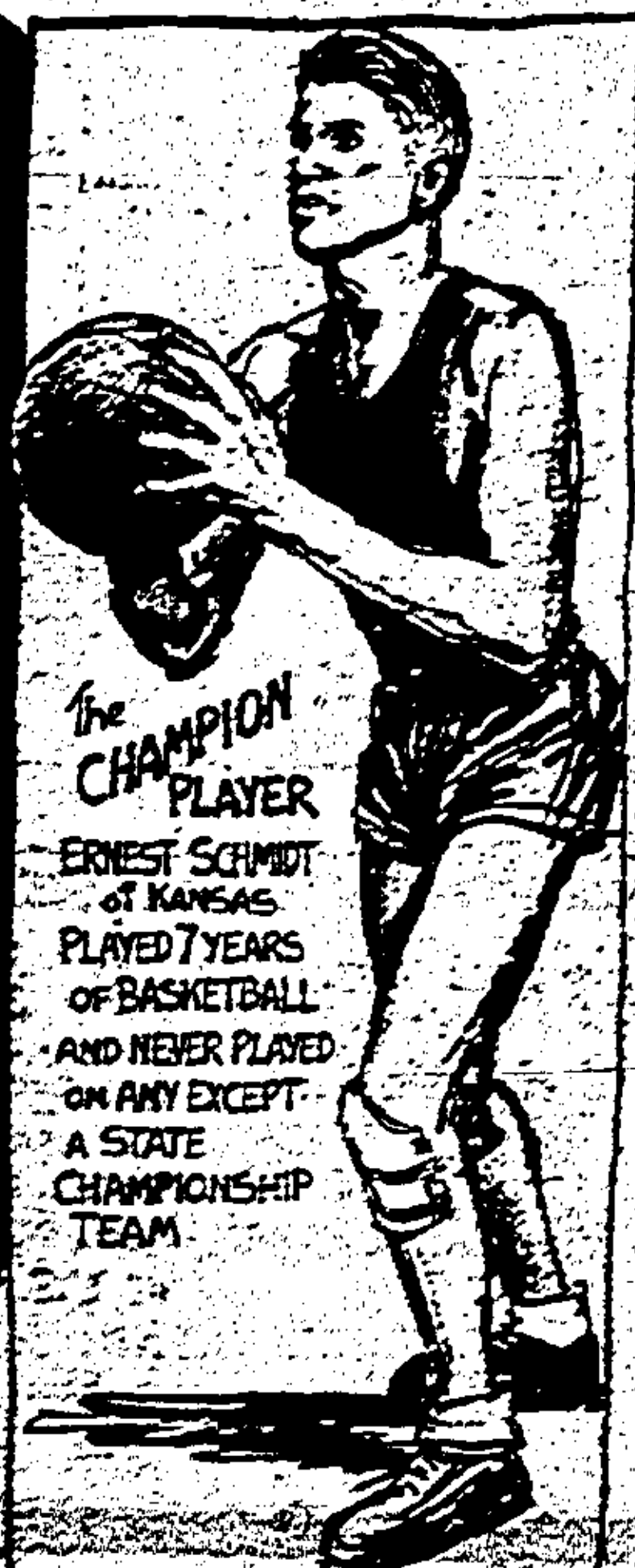
## "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



GEORGE RUDROFF  
of Richmond Hill, N.Y.

DRANK 90 GLASSES OF BEER  
A DAY  
FOR THE LAST 6 YEARS  
FROM THE SAME MUG

AFTER DRINKING 1560 HALF-BARRELS  
THE MUG BROKE



THE CHAMPION  
PLAYER  
ERNEST SCHMIDT  
OF KANSAS  
PLAYED 7 YEARS  
OF BASKETBALL  
AND NEVER PLAYED  
ON ANY EXCEPT  
A STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
TEAM

OKLAHOMA  
MEN: "HOPE OF THE REDMEN"  
BUT,  
A REDMAN NEVER HAD A HOPE BEER





## FROM TO-MORROW ROMANCE! SONGS! LAUGHTER!

... and 24 of the stunningest, cunningest co-eds who ever went to college just for fun... in the rousing music-comedy that marks the triumphal return to the screen of radio's Romeo.

## "Old Man Rythm"

with  
**CHARLES BUDDY ROGERS**  
**BETTY GRABLE - GEORGE BARBER - BARBARA KENT.**  
NEXT CHANGE  
**DICK BARTHELMESS** in "FOUR HOURS TO KILL"

## TO-DAY AT THE KING'S

OUT OF ONE MASTERPIECE...  
ANOTHER HAS BEEN CREATED



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"WATER BABIES" The Most Beautiful Technicolour Ever Produced

## SHORT SHOTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frankot Tone (Joan Crawford) caused a sensation wherever they appeared in New York while on their honeymoon. Now they are back on the M.G.M. lot and it is planned that they will appear together in "Elegance."

Constance Cummings and her husband Benn Levy, the playwright, have bought a lovely home in Chelsea and will spend half the year now in London.

The "Motion Picture Herald," after a thorough investigation of the Cinemas in the United States for the past year, finds that Shirley Temple is the greatest box-office attraction.

with the late Will Rogers second and Ginger Rogers (with her partner Fred Astaire) the first woman favourite. It is good to see that both Joan Crawford and Claudette Colbert rank next in popularity.

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## "LES MISERABLES" STARS LAUGHTON AND MARCH VERSATILITY OF JANE WITHERS. IN "THIS IS THE LIFE"

**RICHARD BARTHELMESS** IN STRONG DRAMA  
"FOUR HOURS TO KILL"

### By Diane

VICTOR Hugo's famous classic, "Les Misérables," has been once more transferred to the screen and, in the medium of the talking, is given its best portrayal so far. The cast is an enormous one, with expert direction by Richard Boleslavsky. There is so much drama in this sordid story that he depends upon episodic treatment, which I always think detracts from the enjoyment.

As far as possible Twentieth Century have given as many of the episodes as they can cram into the space of a few hours, but mainly it concerns "Jean Valjean" (Fredric March), the fugitive, and "Javert" (Charles Laughton), the pursuer. Everything else is subordinate to the conflict between these two. It is not a pretty tale, this tragic history of "Valjean," who is condemned to the galleys for stealing a loaf of bread for a starving child. We follow his sufferings, his release, his rehabilitation, his downfall and pursuit to the end by "Javert," all told with steady interest amid perfect settings and surroundings. It is unrelieved tragedy from the beginning to the end; but if you like to see portrayed horror, sorrow and injustice, this Victor Hugo's masterpiece will prove worth your while.

Most of the critics acclaim Charles Laughton, the British actor, as one of the few great artists. I recall thinking we had a man on whom the mantle of Emil Jannings had fallen, when I first saw him on the screen in a Paramount picture "Between the Devil and the Deep." Now, after seeing "Mr. Laughton" in many films, I am convinced he can play only one character convincingly. He depends a great deal on the furtive look from half-closed eyes, that devilish sneer and quiet spoken voice. Whether it be "Barretts of Wimpole Street," "Les Misérables," or "Mutiny on the Bounty," Laughton, to my way of thinking, is all the time only acting, in other words he is obviously "historical-conscious." Judge from this that I am not one of Mr. Laughton's greatest admirers; but you will hear on all sides that he "steals the picture."

Fredric March does sincere work as "Valjean," but his American accent is so marked that it affects the reality of the characterisation. Sir Cedric Hardwicke, as the Bishop whose kindness brings about the reform of "Valjean," contributes a fine performance, even if a brief one. Others who count most are Rochelle Hudson, Frances Drake, Florence Eldridge (Mrs. March) John Beal, Jessie Ralph, Marilyn Knowlden, Eily Malvon and many more.

After seeing a picture of this type I wonder exactly the purpose of spending so much money and talent on its production. The film-goer hardly seeks sorrow and horror—it comes too often into his own life—but perhaps the moral of the story to us in the twentieth century is to be thankful we live now and not in Victor Hugo's tragic day. (King's).

### "Travelling Saleslady"

A light and airy comedy in which "wise-cracking Queen" Joan Blondell takes Hugh Herbert in the toothpaste business with her and Hugh, flavouring the toothpaste like cocktails, has some of his most amusing situations. Glenda Farrell is her usual alert and decorative self, while Ruth Donnelly is grand as Joan's mother. Miss Blondell reveals in her role and it must be stated that Hugh Herbert is even funnier than usual.

The story hardly matters, but Joan as a saleswoman has an opportunity for her delightful pertness, while William Gargan is an excellent foil as a salesman who is her rival in business but her heart interest in the evenings. This comedy is well up to the Warner standard and should not be missed. (Queen's).

### "The Little Rebel"

Six-year old Shirley Temple has been proved to be the greatest

box-office attraction for two years now. Twentieth-Century-Fox, under the guidance of Darryl Zanuck, are exploiting this "miracle-child" for all they are worth and she is making pictures as fast as she can reasonably do so. On February 8 we are to see this amazing child-actress in a romantic story laid in the period of the American Civil War, titled "The Little Rebel."

Shirley smuggles her way into the hearts of friend and foe alike in a dramatic story that will give her a chance to show her talent off at its best. She dances with the one and only Bill Robinson, she sings and she acts divinely.

John Boles and Karen Morley are her parents and Guinn "Big Boy" Williams is given a good chance. Put this on your "must see" list. You can't go wrong on a Shirley Temple picture and it is a delightful evening for the whole family. Starting on February 8 at the King's and Alhambra.

### "The Man-trailer"

That capable outdoor star Buck Jones is the hero in a Columbia film which gives this successor to William S. Hart a grand chance to shoot, ride and make love. Opposite is pretty Cecilia Parker, and Arthur Vinton, with long experience on Broadway, is cast as the villain.

The story tells how "Dan Lee" (Buck Jones) the outlaw goes straight, becomes marshal of a



Florence Rice takes the principal feminine role in the Columbia picture "Escape from Devil's Island," which is to be screened here shortly.

small mining town and succeeds, after desperate fighting and thrills, in capturing the gang intent upon looting the Bank's safe. You have seen this sort of film dozens of times; but there is always excitement and when Buck Jones is the leading player you are in for an extra good exhibition of horsemanship. (Alhambra).

### "Girl In Danger"

Ralph Bellamy and Shirley Grey, with a good supporting cast, in a story that tells how a society girl, seeking thrills, becomes involved in a famous jewel robbery.

"Trent" (Ralph Bellamy) is the detective sent to trace the thief. By trickery he learns of the whereabouts of the jewel, but it is only after a series of exciting adventures, including a kidnapping (which still seems one of Hollywood's stand-bys for a thrill) that we have the jewel found and the girl turning over a new leaf—we hope. Bellamy is always excellent and among others will be found J. Carroll Naish, Charles Sabin, Arthur Hall and others. Coming to the Alhambra.

JANE Withers, who will be remembered in "Bright Eyes" and "Ginger" is seen in "This is the Life," a story that gives her scope to show off her talents as singer and dancer of the vaudeville type.

We see the little heroine exploited by a couple who are thriving on her earnings. One night she gives shelter to a man running away from the police and, when he jumps a freight train, she follows. He finds later that the child has been supposedly kidnapped, which means lots of trouble for them both. Eventually all ends in happiness.

Jane carries nine-tenths of the picture on her shoulders, but Sally Baine and a newcomer, John McGuire, are adequate in the romantic end, with the late Gordon Westcott and Gloria Roy in the unsympathetic roles. (Alhambra).

### "It's In The Air"

Jack Benny is the highest-paid entertainer in the States in Radio. It is a pity M.G.M. have not exploited him properly in his two films "Broadway Melody of 1936" and "It's In The Air." Judged by these, one wonders how and why he is worth \$100,000 a picture, in addition to nearly \$8,000 a week on the radio. Ted Healey culls most of the laughs, while Jack Benny plays the lover. He does well in the romantic role, but to one knowing his reputation for wise-cracking he seems wrongly cast.

This is more or less a comedy-drama which tells of two gamblers, Benny and Ted Healey respectively, trying to make a living in the world of sport. Nat Pendleton is the Federal Officer out to jail Benny for evading income tax. The rest of the plot concerns the hero-gambler trying to go straight in order to win back his wife (played in grand fashion by Una Merkel). The highlight of the picture is the scene in the gondola of a balloon in which Benny claims he will stage a stratosphere flight. Others in the cast include Mary Carlisle and Grant Mitchell. If you are a "Benny" fan you will think this worth-while entertainment. (King's).

### "Four Hours To Kill"

Richard Barthelmess makes one of his rare appearances on the screen and gives something new to his usual type. He plays a hunted criminal who is caught by a detective with pathetic swiftness. We find the so-called hero handcuffed to his guard on his way to prison and the gallows, with four hours to pass before train-time.

Everything takes place in a theatre during a performance, mostly in the lounge. There are several stories running through the plot, and good work is given by Joe Morrison, Gertrude Michael, Ray Milland, Charles C. Wilson, (a human detective) Helen Mack, Dorothy Tree, and Roscoe Karns. All these characters are in and out of the lounge to do their bit for melodrama and an exciting climax.

Richard Barthelmess chose this story himself, so you will see him at his best, and he skilfully portrays the pathetic character of the doomed man. This is gripping out-of-the-ordinary melodrama, with good acting from all concerned and guaranteed to gain in intensity as it develops. Not to be missed if you want thrilling entertainment. (Queen's).

### "Old Man Rhythm"

This is Buddy Rogers' first Hollywood release after three years. (He is making his second British picture in London now). Buddy is making most of his money these days leading his excellent little orchestra in nightclub life. He is a big favourite in London, and proves his versatility and talent by playing every instrument in his hand during the evening. It is a pity this film does not give him much chance. (Continued on Page 13)

## JANE COMES ALONG IN ANOTHER HIT

She clicked as the screen's biggest little comic in "Ginger." But when it comes to swell entertainment... this is it!

"This is the LIFE!"



JANE (Ginger) WITHERS

JOHN MCGUIRE  
SALLY BAINE  
SIDNEY TOLER  
FRANCIS FORD

Associated Producer JOSEPH ENGEL  
Directed by MARSHALL NEILAN

SHOWING TO-DAY!

# ALHAMBRA



Joan Blondell is in "Travelling Saleslady," a Warner Bros. production dealing with her exploits on the road, which is now being screened at the Queen's Theatre.



Jane Withers is featured in "This is the Life," a Fox picture which is now being shown at the Alhambra Theatre.











## SITUATION IN CAIRO

Serious Conditions Disclosed

### FURTHER POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day. A survey of the situation throughout Egypt on Wednesday showed that the unrest in Cairo was the most serious, where over 100 students and 26 police were wounded, but most of them only slightly. At Dammanhour the administration building of the Delta Railway, which belongs to a British company, was stormed by crowds of students and the English flag was run down and torn to fragments.

The political situation continues to be critical, and efforts are now being made to form a Wafd Government without the participation of the other parties, which the Wafds declare are not entitled to take part in the negotiations with England because the United Front has now collapsed.

It will be remembered, however, that the British Government declined to negotiate about a treaty except with a Government representative of the whole Egyptian people.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## SPECIAL TAX ON TRAVEL

Bill Introduced In Holland

OPPOSITION FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Amsterdam, To-day. A bill providing for a special tax for Dutchmen travelling abroad has been approved by the Upper Chamber and will now be referred to the Second Chamber. The bill provides that a Dutchman travelling abroad must pay 50 cents for each of the first five days abroad, 70 cents for each of the following four days, and 1 guilder for each of the following days up to a maximum of 25 guilders, which sum will then entitle him to travel abroad for one year.

The tax will be collected after the traveller's return home and is expected to yield a total of 3,000,000 guilders a year.

The bill is meeting with much opposition from the press and public, as it is feared that it will result, in other countries taking reprisals.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## HOW HE PAID HIS DEBT

Terrible Fate Of Money-Lender

BURNT TO DEATH

Delhi.—There is one Kabuli money-lender near Delhi who has been paid back—and with full interest.

A cobbler had borrowed £1 from him at interest of 8s. a month. It was not long before the cobbler had paid out £20 in interest without having paid back the £1 he had originally borrowed.

When the Kabuli beat the cobbler's wife and daughter the cobbler stunned him when he was asleep, tied him to a bed and heaped dry grass over him. He then poured oil over him and set light to the grass.

This was seen by the whole village, but so little sympathy is felt for this class of money-lender that no one came to his rescue, and he was burned to death.

150 Per Cent.

The large majority of India's money-lenders are Kabulis who, emigrating from Afghanistan, are to be found throughout the length and breadth of India, plying their trade.

Their rate of interest is as much as 150 per cent. a year, and, what is more, they collect by intimidation.

Big, heavy fellows of the north, they are never seen without a stick in their hands, and they are dreaded by all classes of Indians.

## FILM CHIEF'S SON SHOOT HIMSELF

EXAM. FAILURE RESPONSIBLE

SUICIDE IN FRONT OF MIRROR

Los Angeles. Failing to attain the high scholastic standard he had set himself, Mr. John S. Reed, the 19-year-old son of Mr. J. Theodor Reed, formerly production manager to Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, stood in front of a mirror and shot himself through the head one night recently.

## ESPIONAGE IN FRANCE

Alleged Soviet Activities

INCrimINATING DOCUMENTS UNEARTHED

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Paris, To-day. The mystery that has always hung around the French Government's mode of dealing with the espionage case of the Soviet agent Eberlein, who, it will be remembered, was arrested several months ago at Strassburg but whose trial was postponed indefinitely at the last moment, has now been partly cleared up by an article appearing in *Le Jour* yesterday.

The paper declares that at the preliminary judicial examination of Eberlein such important documents on subversive Soviet activities in the French colonies were brought to light that their publication at that moment would have meant a certain rupture of diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia. The trial was postponed mainly so as to permit the Franco-Soviet Treaty to be ratified, which would have been inconceivable, says *Le Jour*, if once the Soviet Russian plans in the French colonies had been made public.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## GEN. WEYGAND'S HEALTH

Some Concern In France

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Paris, To-day. Some anxiety has been caused in military quarters here by the report from Egypt that the former Chief of Staff of the French Army, General Weygand, is suffering from a severe cold and has been taken to hospital at Luxor. It is stated, however, that the illness is not of a serious character and that General Weygand was expected to arrive at Cairo in the course of yesterday.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## EDUCATION BILL IN BRITAIN

School-Leaving Age Raised

London, To-day. The Education Bill provides for the raising of the school leaving age from 14 to 15 on September 1, 1939. Provision is made for exemption from school attendance between these ages if the local authorities are satisfied that the child can find beneficial employment.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

## SUFFOCATED BY SOOT

Fragic Fate Of Two Workmen

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Halle, To-day. An unusual incident, which cost the lives of two workmen, occurred at the Leuna ammonia works here, when two workmen were buried under huge masses of soot and died from suffocation. Although a rescue party immediately set out, the salvage took such a long time that the efforts to revive the victims were fruitless.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## DISORDERS IN PARIS

Well-Known Lawyer Attacked

INCIDENT AT PALACE OF JUSTICE

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Paris, To-day. Tumultuous scenes occurred here on Wednesday in the lobbies of the Palace of Justice when the well-known lawyer and Deputy, M. Eugene Flet, who was a Minister in the Daladier Cabinet during the February 1934 riots, and whom Nationalist circles held chiefly responsible for the bloodshed, entered the hall to appear for a client.

Earlier in the day M. Flet had been slapped in the face by a young man near the Arc de Triomphe, the young man being promptly arrested. The appearance of the Deputy was greeted by a large group of Nationalist lawyers with shouts of "Murderer!" One of them attempted to attack him, but was frustrated by the court attendants, while M. Flet hastily left the building, whereupon his opponents burst into cheers and sang the Marseillaise.

The commotion attracted a number of spectators, who entered into the spirit of the situation by starting fights among themselves. Detachments of the Garde Mobile had to restore order.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## EQUESTRIENNE'S GREAT FEAT

Crack Male Riders Beaten

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day. A sporting sensation of the first order was provided at Berlin's great Horse Show on Wednesday evening, when the most difficult jumping contest, which is open only to riders and horses of outstanding calibre, was won by a young Hamburg girl, Fraulein Irmgard Georgina, against the elite of the male European riders, which included picked men from famous German and Italian military riding schools.

The triumph of the representative of the "weaker sex" was witnessed by Chancellor Hitler, who paid a surprise visit to the Horse Show.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## REICHSWEHR IN GERMANY

Empowered To Use Force

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day. Herr Hitler has issued a decree empowering the Reichswehr to use force to maintain public order in the following cases:—

- (1) To repulse an attack or to break resistance.
  - (2) To enforce an order for the surrender of arms.
  - (3) Against escaping prisoners.
  - (4) To protect goods or persons entrusted to the Reichswehr.
- Hand-grenades and dynamite may be used in the event of absolute necessity.—Reuter.

## CIVIL FLYING IN BRITAIN

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The installation, which consists of a main wireless beacon at one corner of the aerodrome and two marker beacons 300 and 3,000 yards distant respectively, provides a pilot with guidance for a safe lateral and vertical approach.

Other aspects of the wireless control of internal air routes will be discussed. The delegates will also visit Croydon aerodrome and study the lighting system and control arrangements for night flying.

The exhibition, at which over 80 manufacturing firms are showing aerodrome supplies and equipment and which is the first of its kind to be held in Great Britain, is evidence of the increased interest in flying as a means of communication within the British Isles and of the recent rapid growth of the number of airports, both municipal and private.—Reuter.

## MINISTERS' COUNCIL

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Swedish-Red Cross Units

FALL INTO HANDS OF ITALIANS

Addis Ababa: The personnel of the Swedish Red Cross units which fell into the hands of the Italians near Dolo have now safely arrived at Addis Ababa, where they will receive new equipment. They rendered the motor-vehicles belonging to the unit unusable when it was clear that there was no hope of saving them from capture.

A telegram was received from the President of the Swedish Red Cross, Prince Charles of Sweden, to the effect that the Swedish Red Cross personnel is to proceed to the front again, as soon as they have received the new equipment.

Owing to the continual bombardment to which the Abyssinian ambulances and dressing stations are subjected, they no longer bear Red Cross signs as before. Now, however, regulations have been received from the President of the International Red Cross, a Swiss named Brown, to mark the dressing-stations with twice as many Red Cross signs as before.

Troop Movements In Abyssinia

RESERVES CALLED UP AT ADDIS ABABA

Addis Ababa: Large numbers of troops are now being trained in the capital, which thus presents scenes reminiscent of the first few days of the war. The new troops, which are evidently destined for the southern front, have been brought into service since the recent mobilisation decree. Troop movements on a considerable scale are now going on in the eastern sector of the southern front. The entire garrison of Jijiga is being sent southwards to fight against the Italians, but they are to suppress a revolt which has broken out in the province of Arusi.

## ABYSSINIAN SUCCESSES

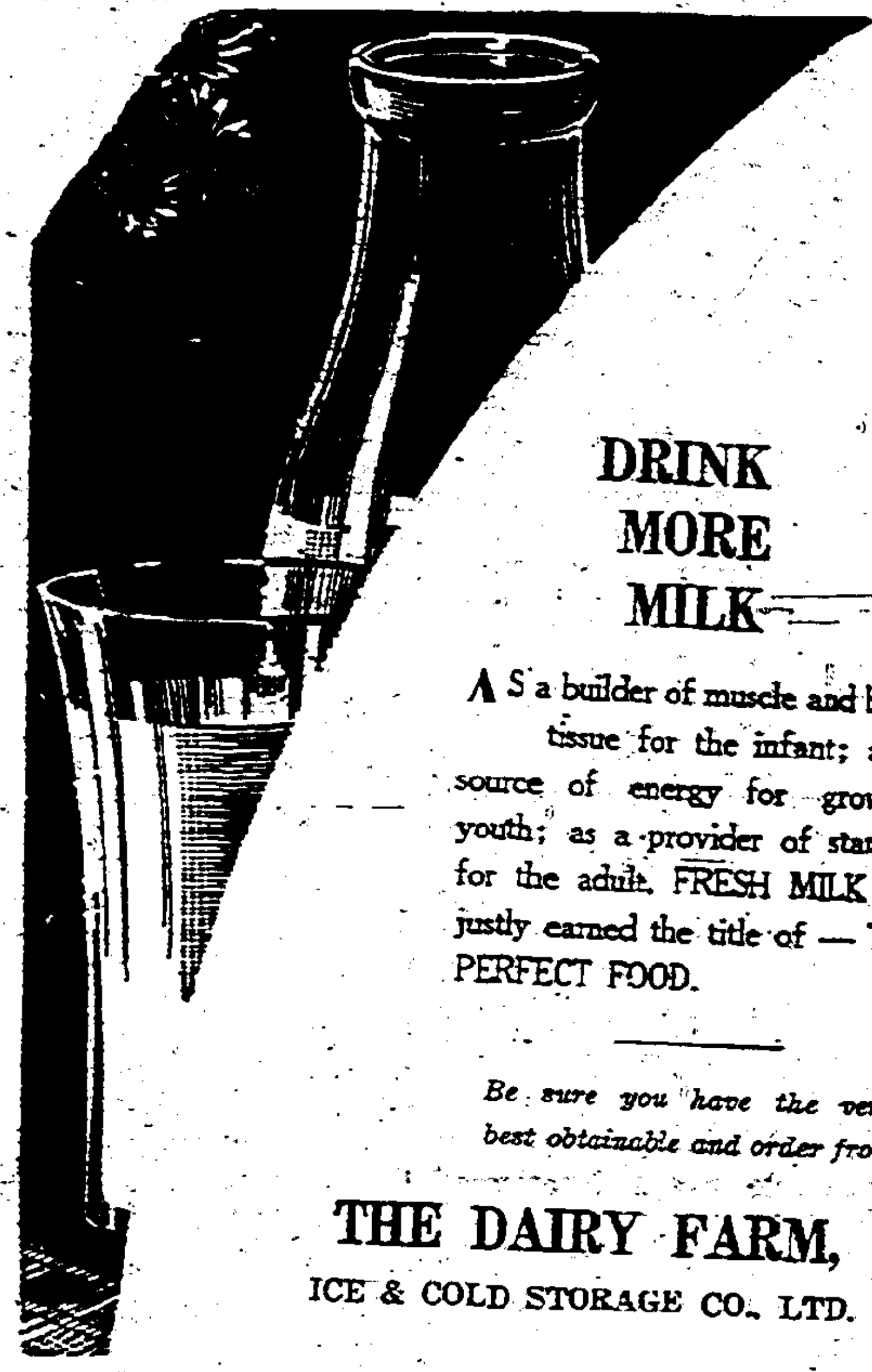
Reports from the northern front register several minor Abyssinian successes. The Abyssinians claim to have successfully repulsed the Italian attack on Shuma Abera in the Temblin district, which was captured in a great battle. Another report states that an Abyssinian patrol made a surprise attack on an Italian munitions transport near Makalle, capturing all its supplies and making 33 men of the escort prisoners. Yet another message reports that an Italian bombing plane was shot down in the vicinity of Addis Ababa. One of the occupants, who attempted to save himself by parachute, died through strangulation, because his parachute became entangled in a high tree, while the other two were burned to death.

## NEW TAXES IN ITALY

Rome: A series of new taxes, introduced by proclamation, includes those levied on the amount

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## RAIL DEVELOPMENT IN BRITAIN

Huge Orders Placed By L.N.E.R.

London, To-day. Contracts worth more than £500,000 have been placed by the London and North-Eastern Railway in connection with their programme of development under the scheme for a Government guaranteed loan of £27,000,000, the prospectus of issue of which was published on Wednesday. Orders given include 160 new passenger coaches and 500 specially-constructed wagons for the conveyance of containers.—British Wireless Service.

## ASIA'S SPECIAL FEBRUARY SALE

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| Blackberries     | "Del Monte"    | 1 lb. tin      | 30     |
| Golden Dates     | "Hallawee"     | per lb.        | 30     |
| Ham, Cooked      | "Hormel"       | 1/4 size tin   | 315    |
| Herrings in T.S. | "Moxie"        | 14 oz. tin     | 35     |
| Mixed Fruits     | "S. & W."      | 1 lb. pkt.     | 55     |
| Milk, Evaporated | "Golden State" | 14 1/2 oz. tin | 18     |
| Pork & Beans     | "Libby"        | 1 lb. tin      | 20     |
| Red Cherries     | "Del Monte"    | 6 oz. bot.     | 35     |
| Tomatoes         | "Aylmer"       | 2 1/2 tin      | 30     |
| Wesson Oil       | "Snowdrift"    | 1 pint tin     | 68     |
| Wheat Flakes     | "Forte"        | 10 oz. pkt.    | 45     |

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ITALY'S LANDSCAPE  
TO-DAY

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## Paper Money

We pay our small bills with paper to-day: only a year ago 20 lire pieces, as large as the wheels of dolls' perambulators, wore holes in one's pockets; but not now. They have all disappeared, and in their places there are small and ugly notes on which the date—1935—is printed so small that it takes sharp eyes to see it. Yet the mysteries of credit still function: Italy is still one of the expensive countries of Europe for the English traveller.

Across the platform the long delayed train has arrived to empty its conscripts on the station; and the brown dwarfs are playing the "Giovanezza," that song from which all hope has long been drained and into whose ironic words and tune the despair of age have now slowly crept.

Our own train is leaving: across the tall roofs of Rome the crescent of the new moon, no more yellow than by day is the Tiber or are the buildings which flank it, shines on what seems a dead city. In the tall and splendid blocks of apartment houses which ring the ancient city there are lights only on the staircase shaft; the rest is blackness.

## Other Images

And yet, as we passed down this lovely country, rich and yielding under the suns and rains that have seen her rise and her decline and fall, there are other images in the landscape, more permanent and more enduring than the stencilled face of the Duce, more and more in evidence, as one travels further south.

Early this morning we saw an old man, naked to the waist, bending over his plot of ground, a hoe in his hand. This ageless figure, who has spent a lifetime putting into the earth and taking from it again at harvest time, is the real symbol of Italian splendour and patience. Neither the whims of tyrants nor the ebb and flow of imperial conquest disturb the life of the Garibaldino—for such he looked: there are more important things than glory; there is liberty and there are the fruits of the world to care for.

And at Civita Vecchia, in the dusk, there was an old woman clothed in a black habit and leaning on a stick. Surrounding her were children and the animals of her farm. She was the real Rome: the mother of the western world, from whose body has issued so much that is good and so much that is just in western life.

The swords, the little fruit trucks in stations labelled "For the Military Only," the silence and the sadness; these are impermanent, but the old woman in the farmyard will be standing there still, long after the features of Il Duce have disappeared from the walls which they now adorn.

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Paul Robeson plays the part of Bosambo, the native chief, in "Sanders Of The River," which will be coming to the King's Theatre soon.



Dolores Del Rio is in "In Caliente," the Warner Bros. picture which will be screened at the Oriental Theatre next Sunday.



Zasu Pitts is in "She Gets Her Man," a Universal Production, which will be shown for the first time in the Colony at the Majestic next Tuesday.



Not only is John Blondell a charming actress but, since the arrival of her son, it is evident that she is a charming mother as well. Her latest picture, "Travelling Saleslady," is now being shown at the Queen's Theatre.



Fredric March and Merle Oberon are in the United Artists' production, "The Dark Angel," which will be shown at the King's Theatre shortly.



Pat O'Brien and Dolores Del Rio are in "In Caliente," the Warner Bros. production, which will be shown at the Oriental Theatre next Sunday.



Fredric March, Merle Oberon and Herbert Marshall are in the United Artists' Production, "The Dark Angel," which will soon be screened at the King's Theatre.



Norman Foster, Florence Rice and Victor Jory are in "Escape From Devil's Island," a Columbia picture, which is coming here soon.

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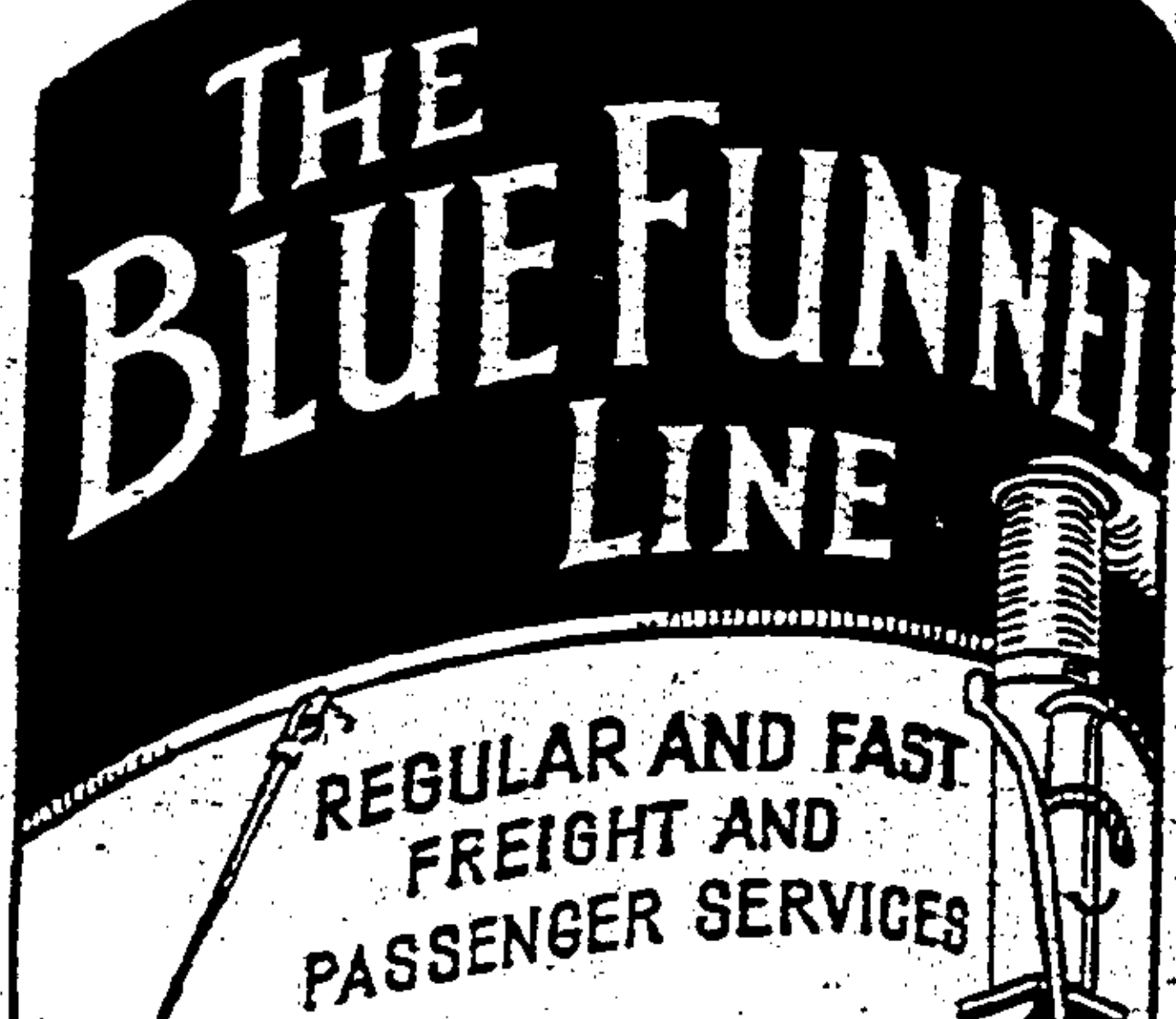
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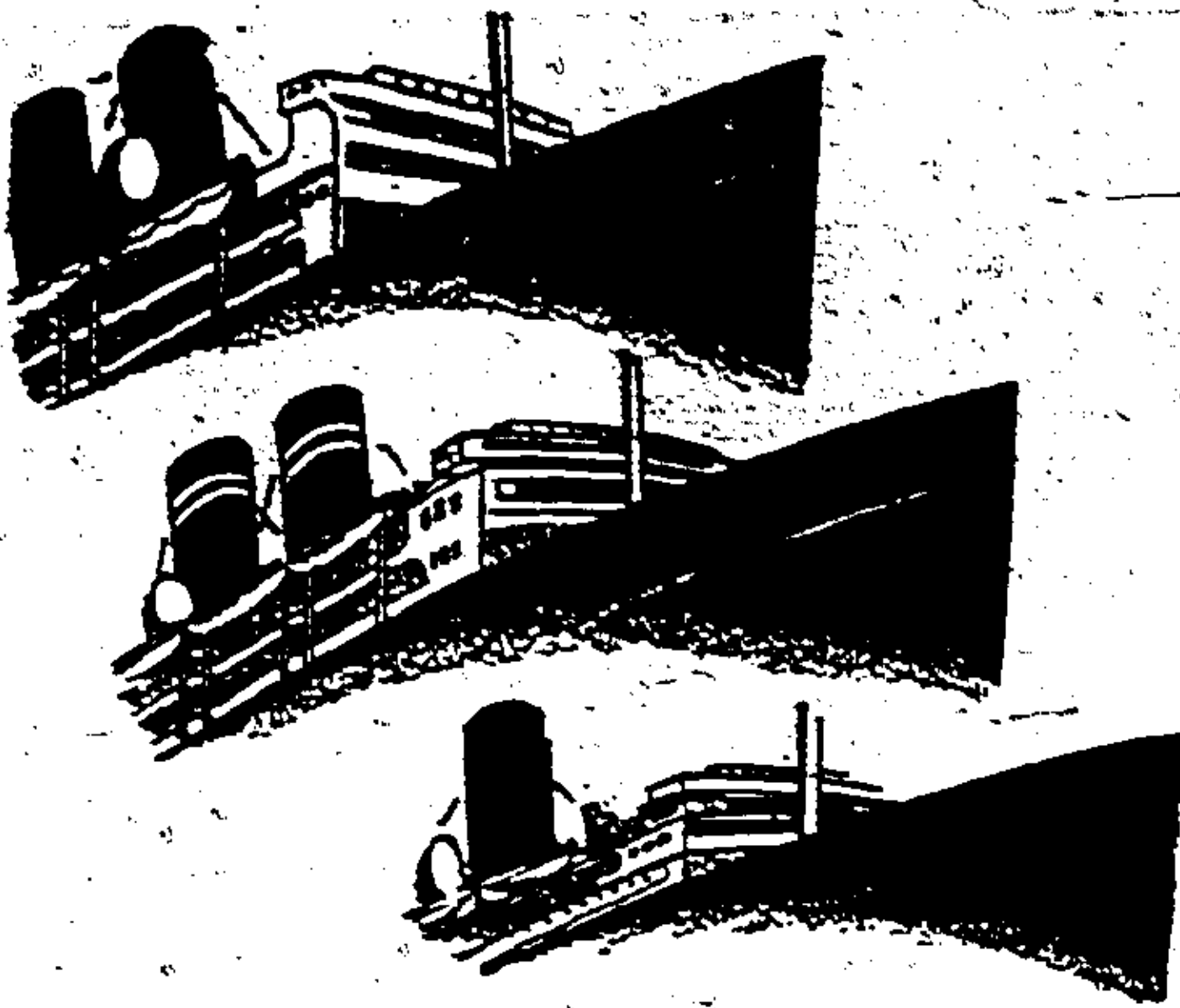
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| *BHUTAN     | 8,000  | 22nd May             | Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.         |
| CHITRAL     | 15,000 | 30th May             | Bombay, Marseilles & London.                                           |
| RAIPUTANA   | 17,000 | 13th June            | Bombay, Marseilles & London.                                           |
| RAWALPINDI  | 17,000 | 27th June            | Bombay, Marseilles & London.                                           |
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#### Today's Short Story

### The Man Who Didn't Forget

By Frederick Skerry

THROUGH the crowded aisles of the Bracombe lobby Tip Harker strolled, his roving gaze taking in everything, scanning every face. Among the comparatively affluent who resorted to the Bracombe at midday he hoped to meet some friend or acquaintance who would not turn a deaf ear to a touch—or would, at least, welcome an enlivening companion at lunch. Tip's glib exaggerations, his cheerful irresponsibility, were always worth the price of a meal.

Things had not been going well with Harker. For one reason or another, his pockets were empty, and reasonably safe racks were scarcer still. There appeared to be little money lying around loose for bright lads like Harker to pick up easily.

In his patrol of the lobby he had noticed an elderly man who sat in a high-backed chair against a marble column, a man whose hair was whitening, whose eyes were cold and keen below his jutting eyebrows. Tip had a feeling that he had seen the man before, but where and in what circumstances he could not remember. Each time he passed he was uncomfortably aware of the man's intent regard.

Approaching the head porter, to whom he was a familiar figure in the Bracombe lobby, Tip asked: "Do you happen to know that gentleman over there by the post—the one sitting down, with his hands on his stick? He keeps looking at me, and I wonder if I ought to know him."

The head porter finished what he was writing and looked around, as if casually. "Oh, sure," he said. "He stays here regular when he's in town. That's Mr. Gribble—you know, invented the Gribble shock absorber. Worth all of a couple of million, they say." Then he added, dryly, "And I guess he'll have it all when he dies."

Tip was, therefore, considerably startled when, as he retraced his steps, the man stood up and accosted him. "Excuse me," said Mr. Gribble. "But I wonder if you're the man I think you are. I've been looking at you trying to make sure. Of course you wouldn't remember me."

"Well"—Harker smiled weakly, his wits alert—"to tell the truth, I did think I'd seen your face before, but I couldn't remember where."

"Let's see if I can jog your memory, then. Do you remember a very hot day in Providence, Rhode Island—let me see—yes, twelve years ago next month, when a man asked you the way to Woonsocket?"

Tip Harker started incredulously—and somewhat fearfully. Like a flash came remembrance of that day, one of those enervating days in August when the pores wearily protest the slightest exertion. "You are the man?"

Mr. Gribble nodded. "The man who wanted to know the way to Woonsocket. You directed him to the railway station, but he said he was walking. You gave him the general direction and turned away. But you came back and said: 'You're not walking to Woonsocket.' And—"

"And," Tip supplied, "he said he was really headed for Springfield, Massachusetts."

"So you handed the man a two-dollar bill and said: 'Here. For God's sake, ride!' You see, I haven't forgotten."

"I had," Tip's gaze searched the man's eyes. It all came back to him now. That two dollars! But Mr. Gribble seemed unaware of Tip's scrutiny. "You had a bag too, I recall."

"Yes, my tools—precision tools. I'd pawned everything but those and my glasses—you see, I needed the tools and the glasses for the job I was on my way to take. I insisted that the two dollars be a loan—you didn't want it that way, but I insisted—and you gave me your name and address, a post-office address, I think it was."

"Very likely," Tip shrugged. "I wasn't long in one place in those days. I was in Providence, that's where I was. I lost the paper, and that's worried me a lot."

"Nothing to worry about," Tip breathed freely again. "This was going to be all right."

"Not to you, of course. You're a young man still and—well, you're

the one man in the world I've wanted to find. My luck turned from that day. You see, I broke that two-dollar bill in a little store for crackers and milk, then a man in a car gave me a lift to away beyond Worcester, so I had most of the money when I got to Springfield."

Quite reassured now, Tip laughed heartily. "You did! Good for you!"

"See here," smiled Mr. Gribble, "let's go up to the writing-room, where we'll have quiet. I want to fix this thing up."

On the way to the elevators Tip's mind ran riot. He recalled every instance of rewarded beneficence he had ever heard of: the waiter who was left a fortune because of his unflinching courtesy to a patron; the woman who fell heir to the millions of a tramp to whom she had given a meal years before—all the legacies to obscure people in reward for forgotten kindnesses. What a break!

"How are you making out these days?" asked Mr. Gribble in the elevator.

#### TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Letters of Jemima," by Louis Golding.

"Well—" Tip did not wish to appear prosperous and thus discourage generosity on Gribble's part; at the same time he feared a confession of his low financial state might sound grasping and have the same effect. He chose a middle course. "So-so," he said. "Up and down, like everybody else, and looking for better times."

"Yes, yes," nodded Mr. Gribble. "I guess we're all looking for better times."

In the writing-room they found a secluded corner, and Mr. Gribble laid his hat and stick on a desk. Then he drew from a pocket a small black memorandum book, thumbed the back pages. "Let's see now," he muttered. "Call it twelve years. Ah! Here we are."

After peering at a table for a moment, he put away the book and drew forth a fat wallet from which he extracted four crisp bills. "At six per cent compound interest," he said, "the two dollars you loaned me have a little more than doubled. It isn't quite twelve years, so we won't quarrel over a few coppers, eh?" He handed Tip four one-dollar bills.

Speechless, Tip took the money. "If for nothing else," said Mr. Gribble, rising briskly, "this trip of mine has been worth while; now I haven't a debt in the world. I've had my lunch, or I'd ask you to join me. And I'm leaving on the three-o'clock train."

"Much obliged!" Harker blurted. "But this will just about pay for my lunch."

Mr. Gribble held out his hand. "Glad I ran into you. Good luck!"

Tip Harker, fingering the bills, watched him start down the stairs. And he'd expected....! The old tightwad! He laughed silently, derisively. Rewarded beneficence! Still—he grinned as he thrust the money in his pocket—not so bad after all. Four ones for a two—and a phony two at that.

[THE END]

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Frank Edward McCrea, aged 41, a porter and assistant in the Special Constabulary, who was committed from Marylebone, was at London Sessions found Not Guilty of fraudulently converting to his own use of £15 10s. 6d. and he was discharged.

Mr. Frank Powell, prosecuting, said that McCrea was head porter at a block of flats in Great Cumberland place, W., and in June a porter named Roy Gates said the tenants and staff decided to make a subscription to assist the

## TALKIE TALKS

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for this; also the others in the cast are given "meatier" roles.

The plot is laid at Fairview College, with a typical musical comedy background and more interest in girls than in study. George Barbier, the father of hero Buddy, arrives to watch over his son and becomes the life of the Campus. He breaks up a romance between his son and Grace Bradley when he pretends he has lost his money, so hero takes Barbara Kent for his romance.

Others of the younger Hollywood set who contribute to the amusement are Eric Blone, Johnny Arledge, Betty Grable (now engaged to Jackie Coogan), Sonny Lamont and Joy Hodges. The music is tuneful and catchy and there are lots of laughs. The picture exploits Hollywood's youthful talent and it is nice to see Buddy again. (Queen's).

#### The Oriental

"Murder Man" is strong drama with an unusual story of a wise-cracking newspaper man who unravels a murder mystery. Spencer Tracy is specially outstanding. Lionel Atwill, Harvey Stephens, Virginia Bruce, Robert Barrett and others. Worth seeing.

This is followed by "Hooray for Love," another of those backstage musicals like "42nd Street". Bill Robinson, star Negro tap dancer of the world, with a girl and another man contribute the highlight of the film. Gene Raymond and Anne Southern carry on the love interest, while Thurston Hall, Pert Kelton and Etienne Girardot add to the fun. I recall quite enjoying this. (Oriental).

#### Star, Kowloon

George Raft and Edward Arnold are the outstanding personalities in "The Glass Key". This is old-fashioned melodrama, with some excitement and suspense. Raft, when he returns to the underworld, seems to be at home and gives a fine performance.

Followed by Joe E. Brown in his best vehicle to date, "Bright Lights". This is a made-to-order story for the comedian and gives him splendid opportunities for clowning and acrobatic stunts which will make you roar with laughter. Anne Dvorak and pretty Patricia Ellis, William Gargan and Joseph Cawthorne surround the star. A picture that should be seen at least twice and I guarantee a most enjoyable evening.

It must be noted by the many patrons of the popular Star, that the Management are kindly donating the whole day's proceeds on Thursday next, February 5, to that worthy local charity, the Street Sleepers' Shelter Fund. There will be four different pictures, and the 2.30 will most likely be a "Mickey Mouse" programme for the sake of the children. All the pictures will be popular favourites; so it is hoped the crowds will roll up and swell the funds of this noble charity.

The Paramount picture depicting life in the U.S. Naval Academy, starring Sir Guy Standing, Richard Cromwell and Tom Brown, titled "Annapolis Farewell", is worth seeing because of a fine performance turned in by an unknown player, John Howard. This young actor so impressed the executive staff at Paramount that they put him in as leading player with Wendy Barrie in "Millions on the Air". We shall shortly be seeing it here. (Star)—DIANE.

dead man's mother, who was in straitened circumstances.

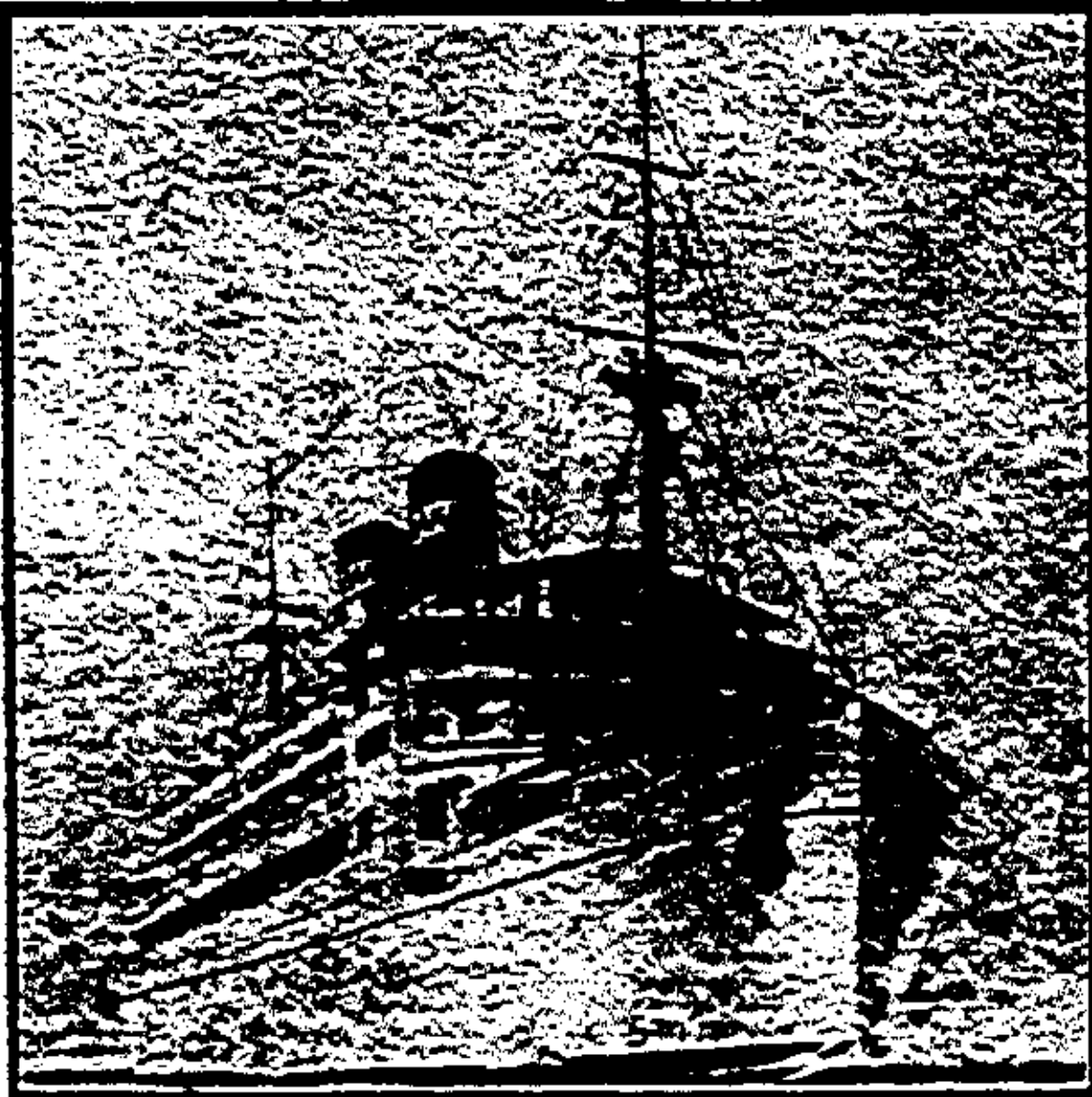
The money was handed to McCrea to give to Mrs. Gates.

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Mr. Powell added that McCrea paid the money by cheque later, after a summons had been issued. The cheque was dishonoured, but when presented later, the same day was honoured and the money paid.

McCrea said that it was decided to hold the money for a time, as all who had promised subscriptions had not paid. As it was getting near Christmas, it was thought that the money should be given to Mrs. Gates as a Christmas present. He had always had the money, and he would have sent it to the woman when completed.

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**SHORT SHOTS**  
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Now that Ronald Colman has moved from Hollywood to a big mansion in Beverly Hills the gossip writers are busy reporting all he does and how much he is now entertaining. This is not like the rumors of old, whose only entertaining was given to special friends. There may after all be some truth in that romance with Benita Hume, with whom he is seen so often.  
Ned Sparks, the frozen-faced comedian, should be a knock-out when he is co-starred in a British film with Gordon Harker. Ned only seems to have one interest in life and that, it is his three-year-old bull terrier "Betsy-Anne."  
Lord and Lady Charles Cavendish (Adele Astaire) are paying a visit at Hollywood to brother Fred. Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire have recently finished production on "Follow the Fleet," and their next "I Won't Dance" will be their last together, for a time anyhow.  
Sam Goldwyn has offered to buy the rights of "Jumbo," the circus musical now circling money on Broadway. Jimmy Durante is in the star, but the film would have Eddie Cantor in his role.  
Marian Davies will have Dick Powell as her leading man again in her next film. The cast also includes Charles Ruggles, Edward Everett Horton and Arthur Treacher, a grand trio of comedians.  
Hollywood pictures run in cycles. Now that Paramount are producing the Grand National epic "National Velvet," Warner will star Sherry Cogan as a jockey in a racing yarn titled "Sergeant Murphy," also about the greatest of all stepphorses.  
Joan Harlow is sticking to her original brunette hair in her next picture now that "Rif" has finished.

**NEW ORDER IN ITALY**  
Rings Not To Be Pawned  
Rome.—Following the fresh round-up of wedding rings recently seized by the city and province of Rome, are stated to have given a total of over 200,000. Wedding rings are no longer accepted as pledges at the pawnshops.  
This is a logical consequence of the Fascist view that it was the duty of every married couple to give their rings to the State. Among very poor Italians the wedding ring, as almost the only possession of value, was frequently pledged in hard times and redeemed as soon as possible.